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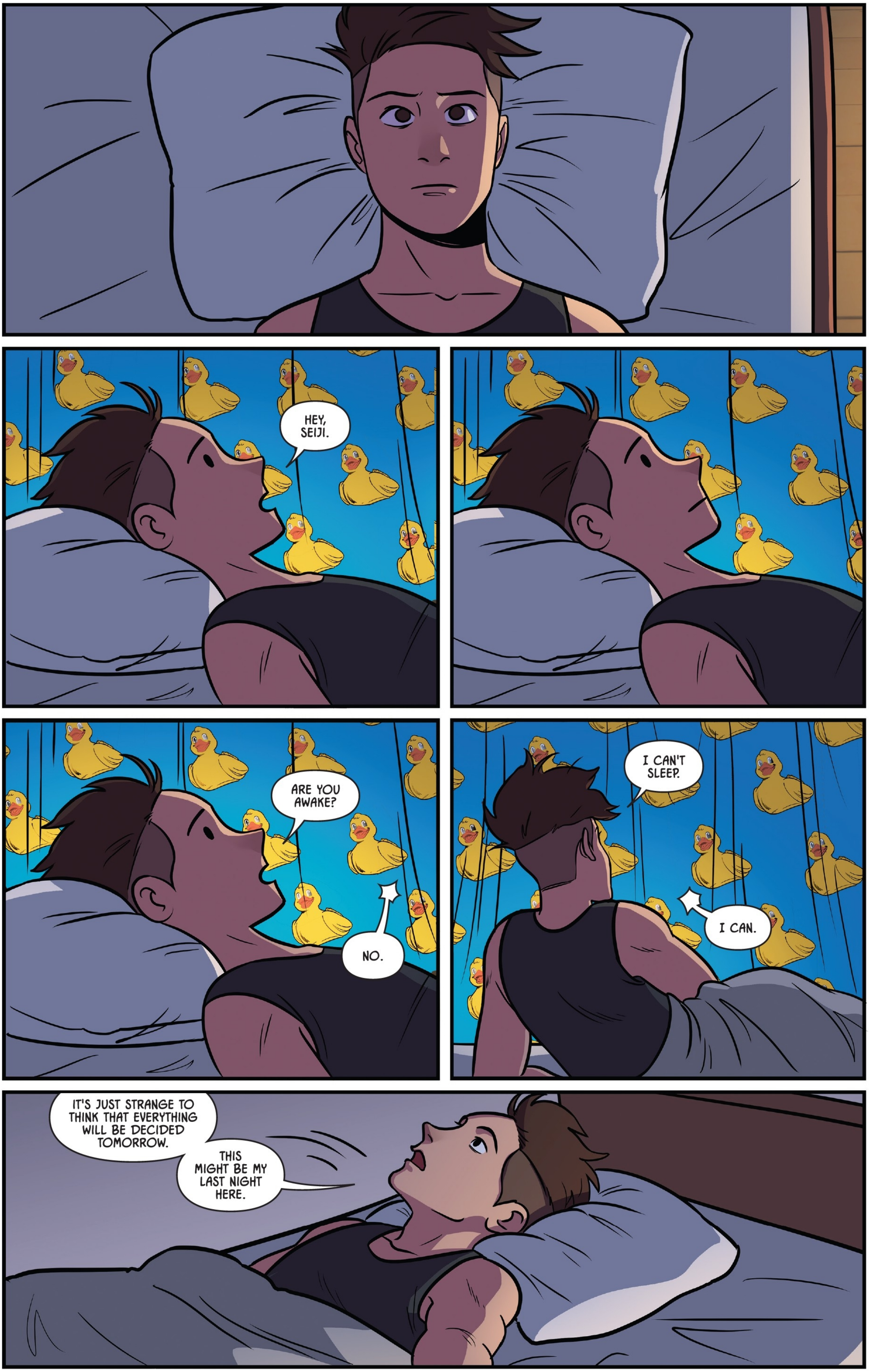
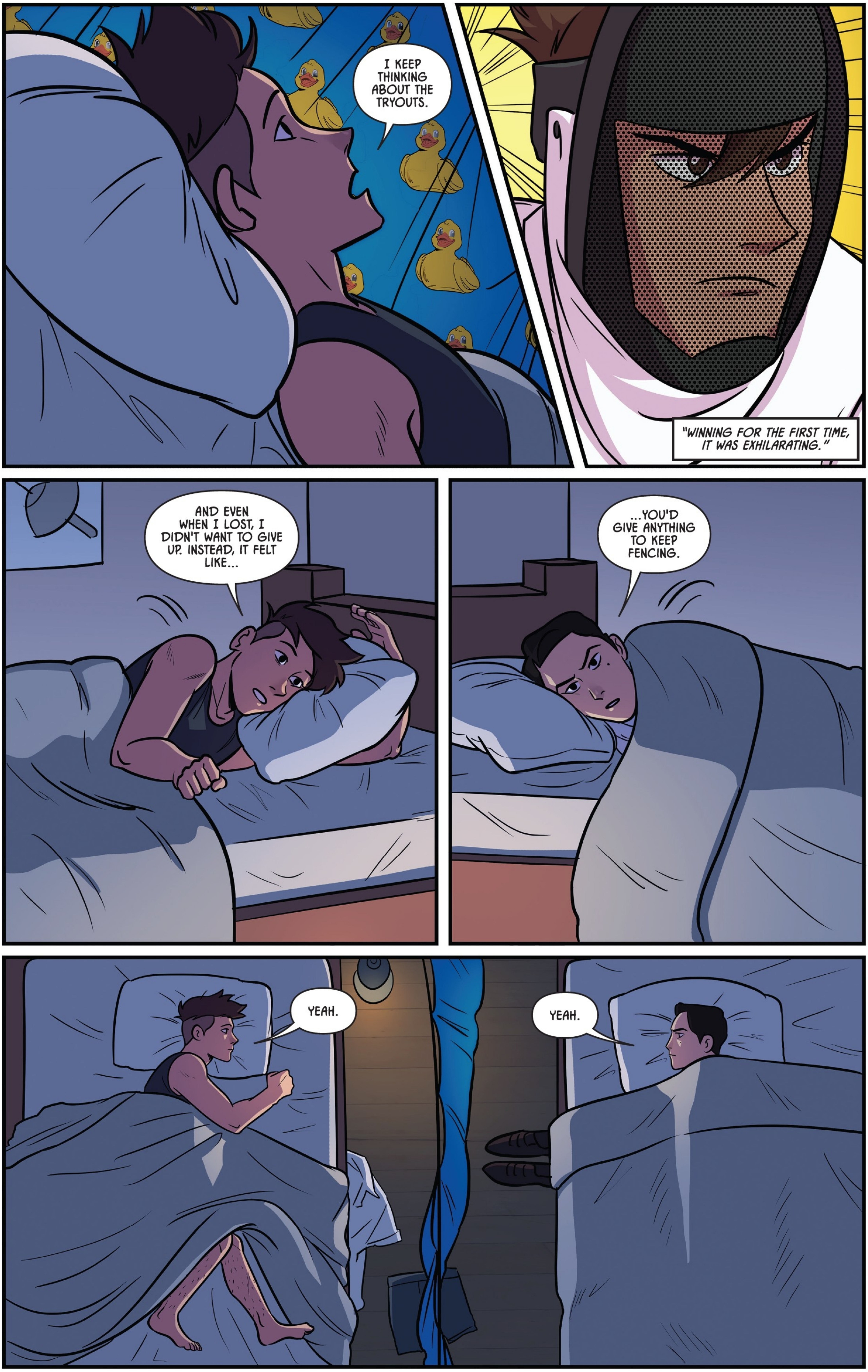
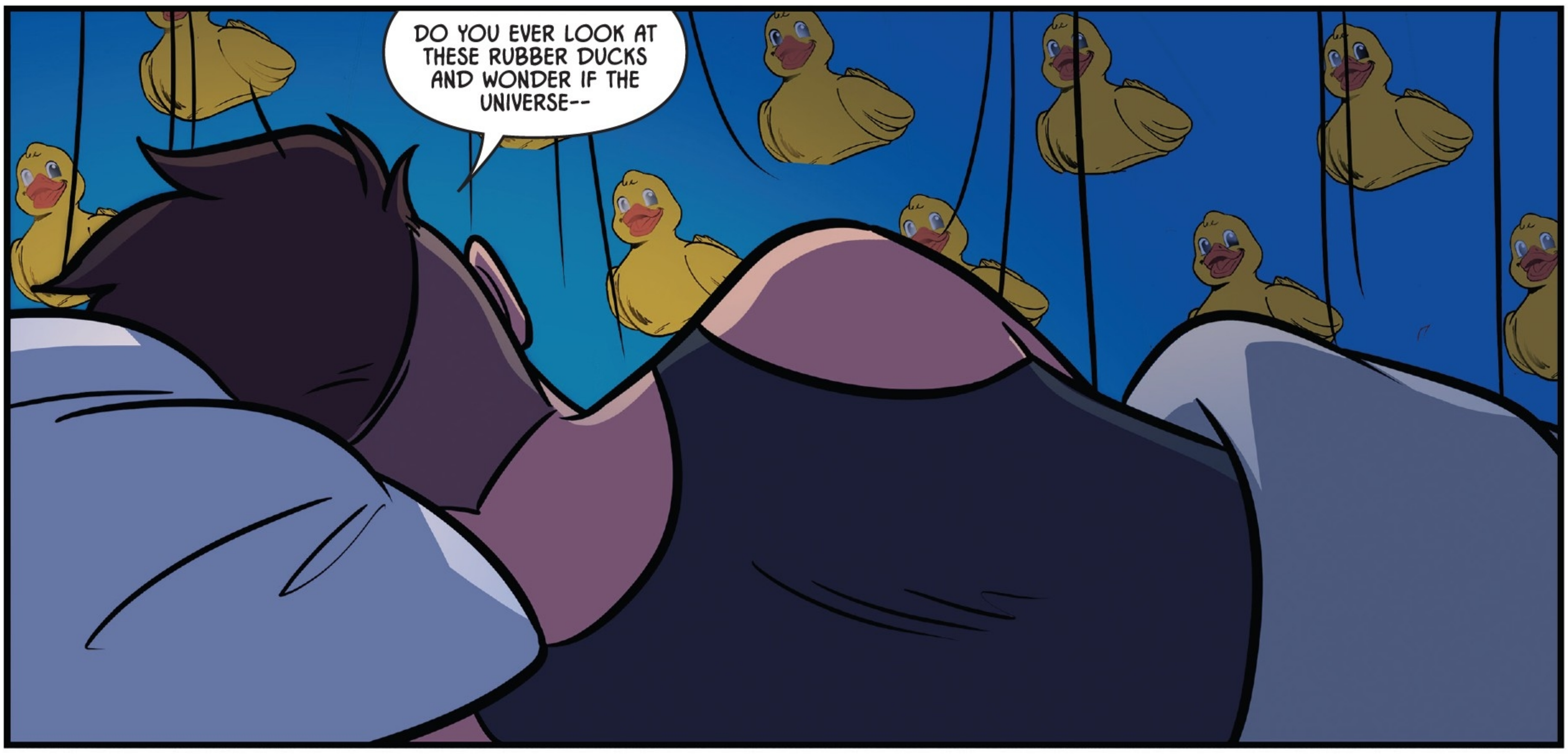
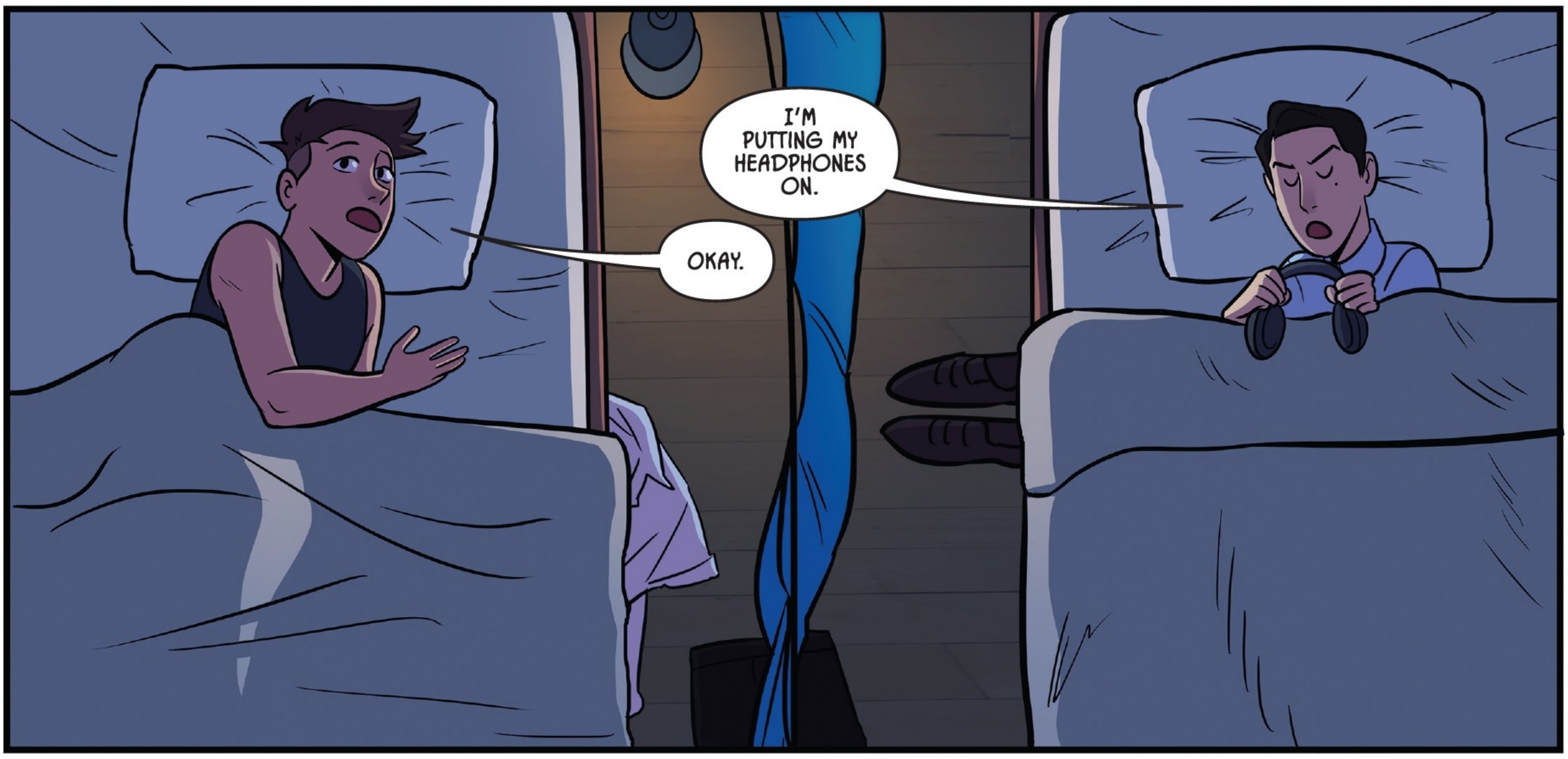
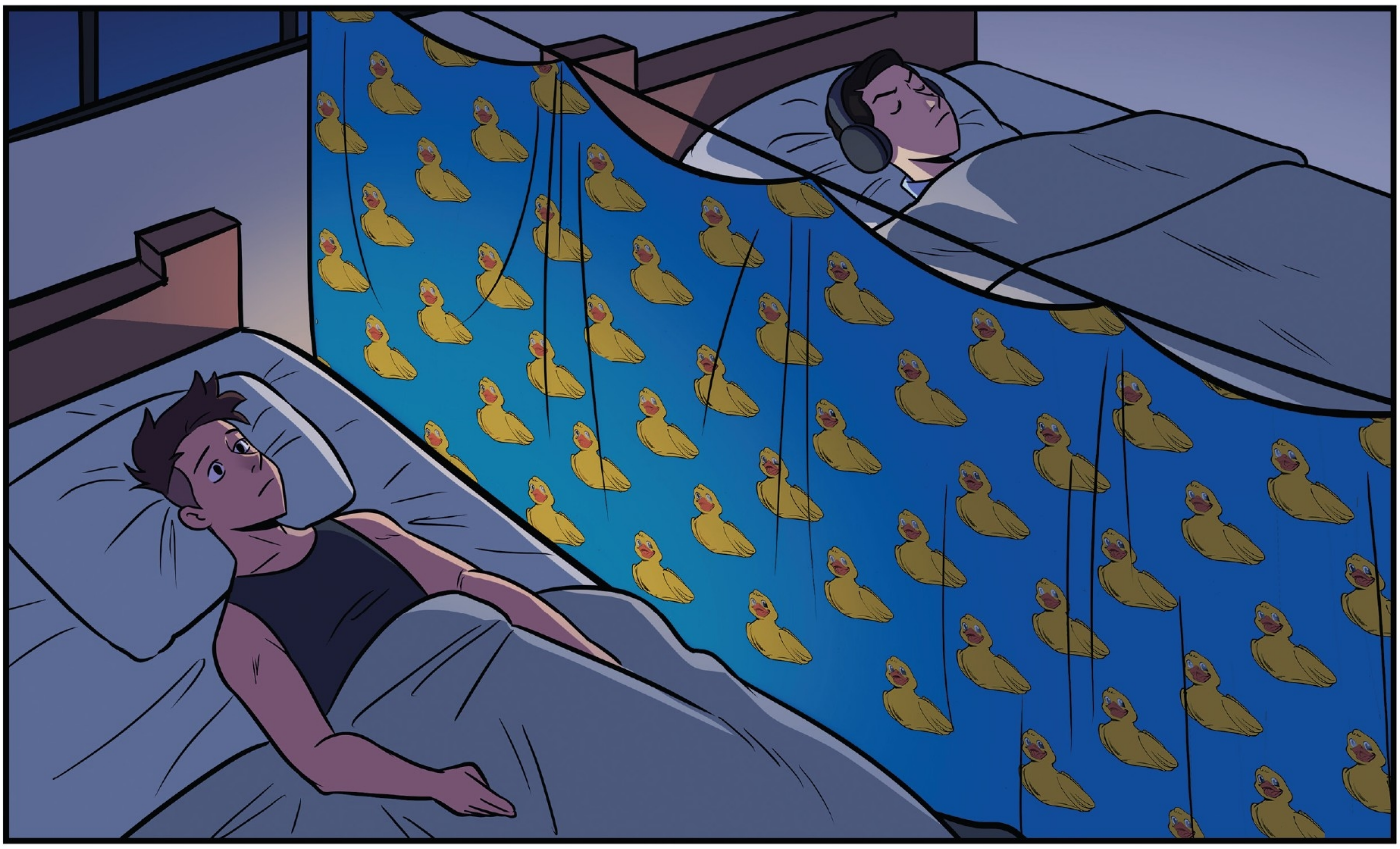
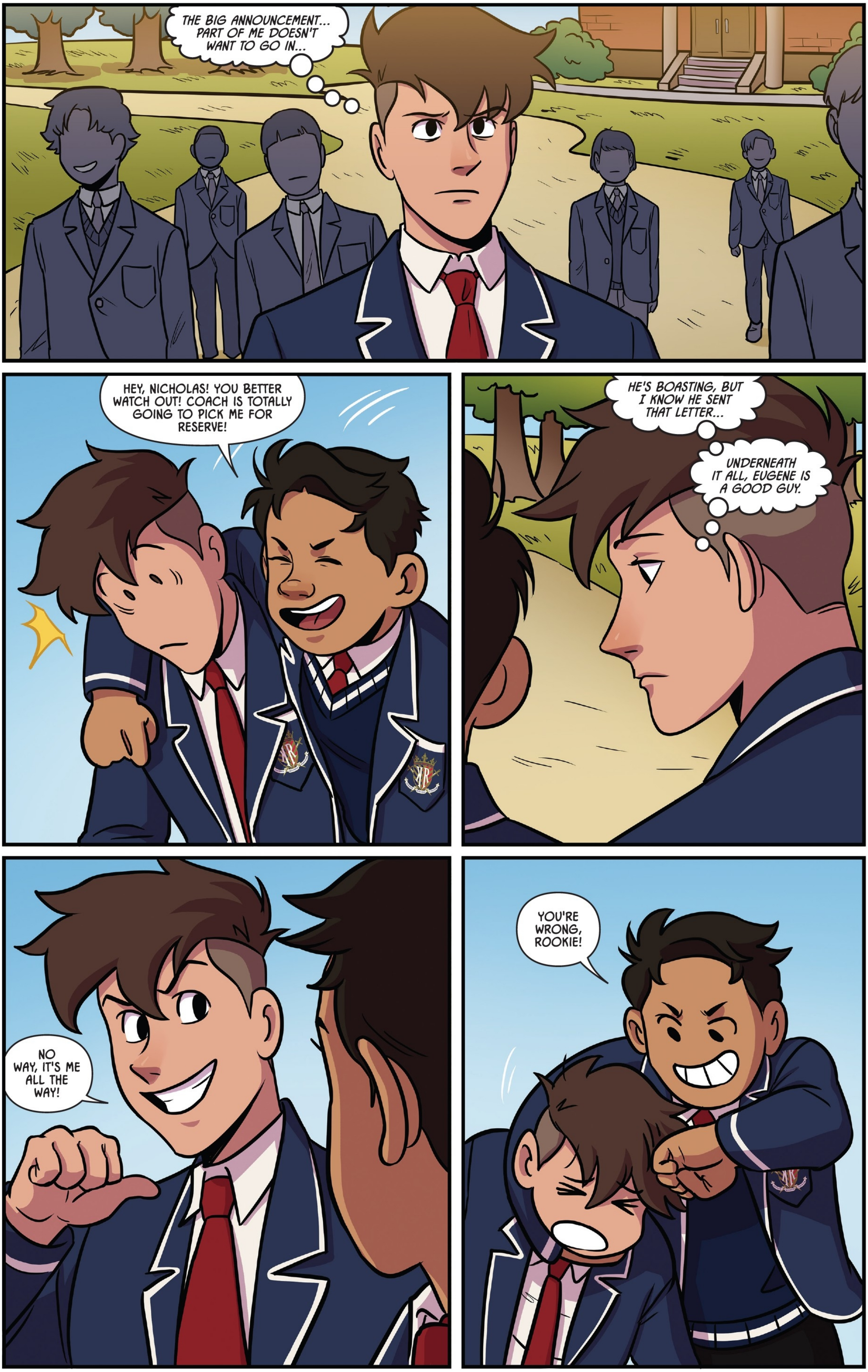

HEY, SEIJI.
ARE YOU AWAKE?
NO.
I CAN'T SLEEP.
I CAN.
IT'S JUST STRANGE TO THINK THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE DECIDED TOMORROW.
THIS MIGHT BE MY LAST NIGHT HERE.

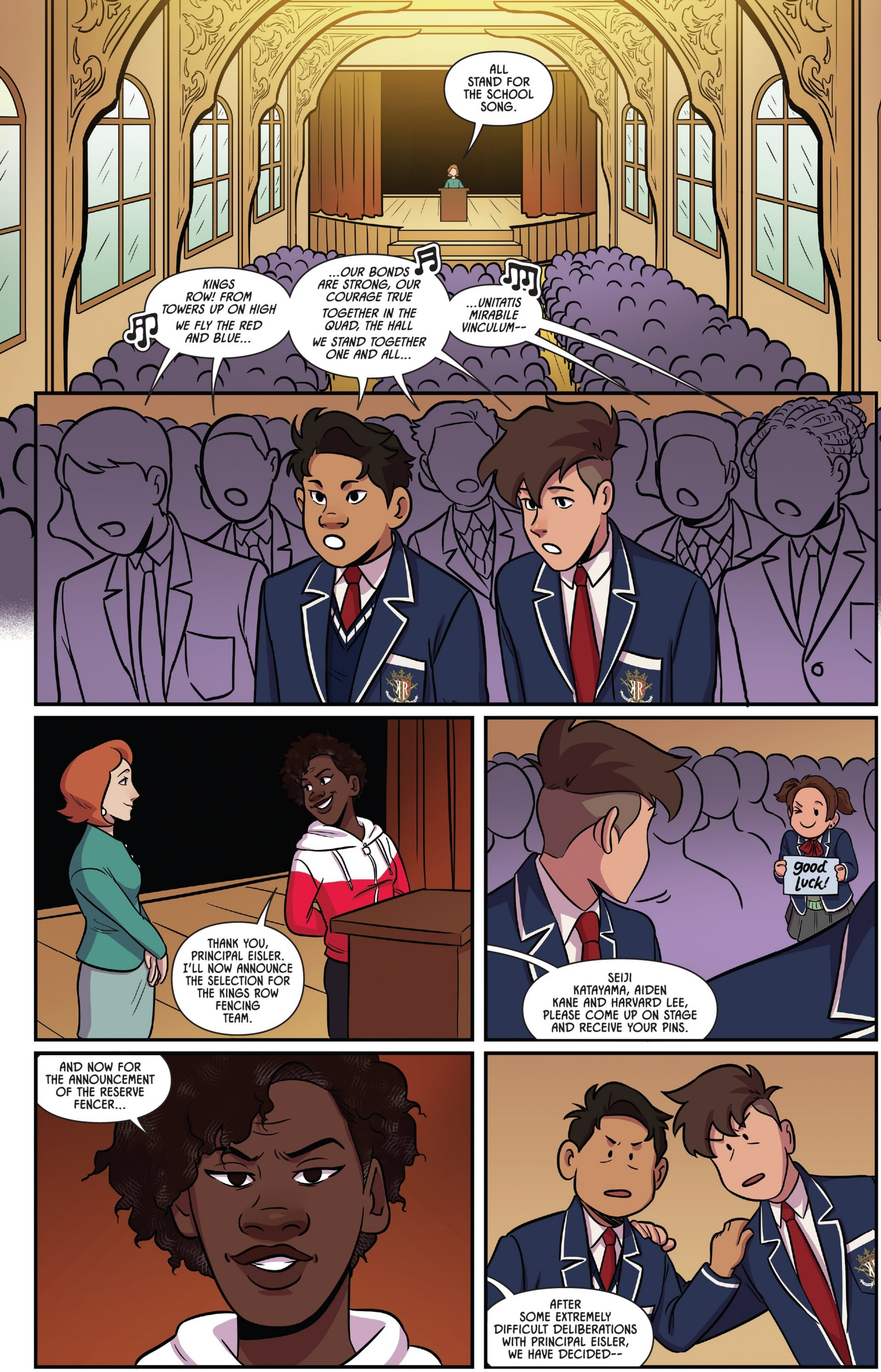

I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THE TRYOUTS.
"WINNING FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT WAS EXHILARATING."
AND EVEN WHEN I LOST, I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE UP. INSTEAD, IT FELT LIKE...
...YOU'D GIVE ANYTHING TO KEEP FENCING.
YEAH.
YEAH.

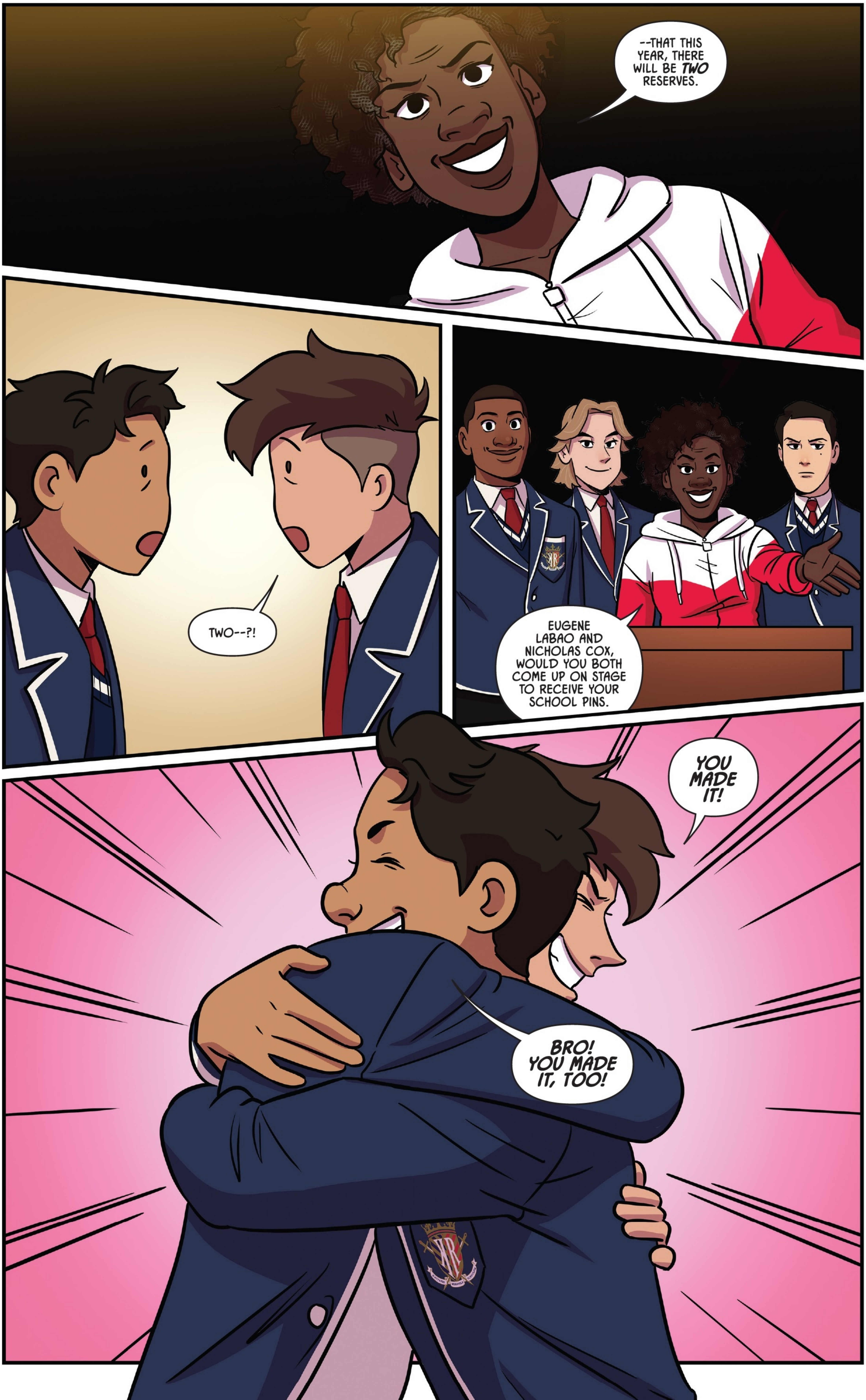

DO YOU EVER LOOK AT THESE RUBBER DUCKS AND WONDER IF THE UNIVERSE--

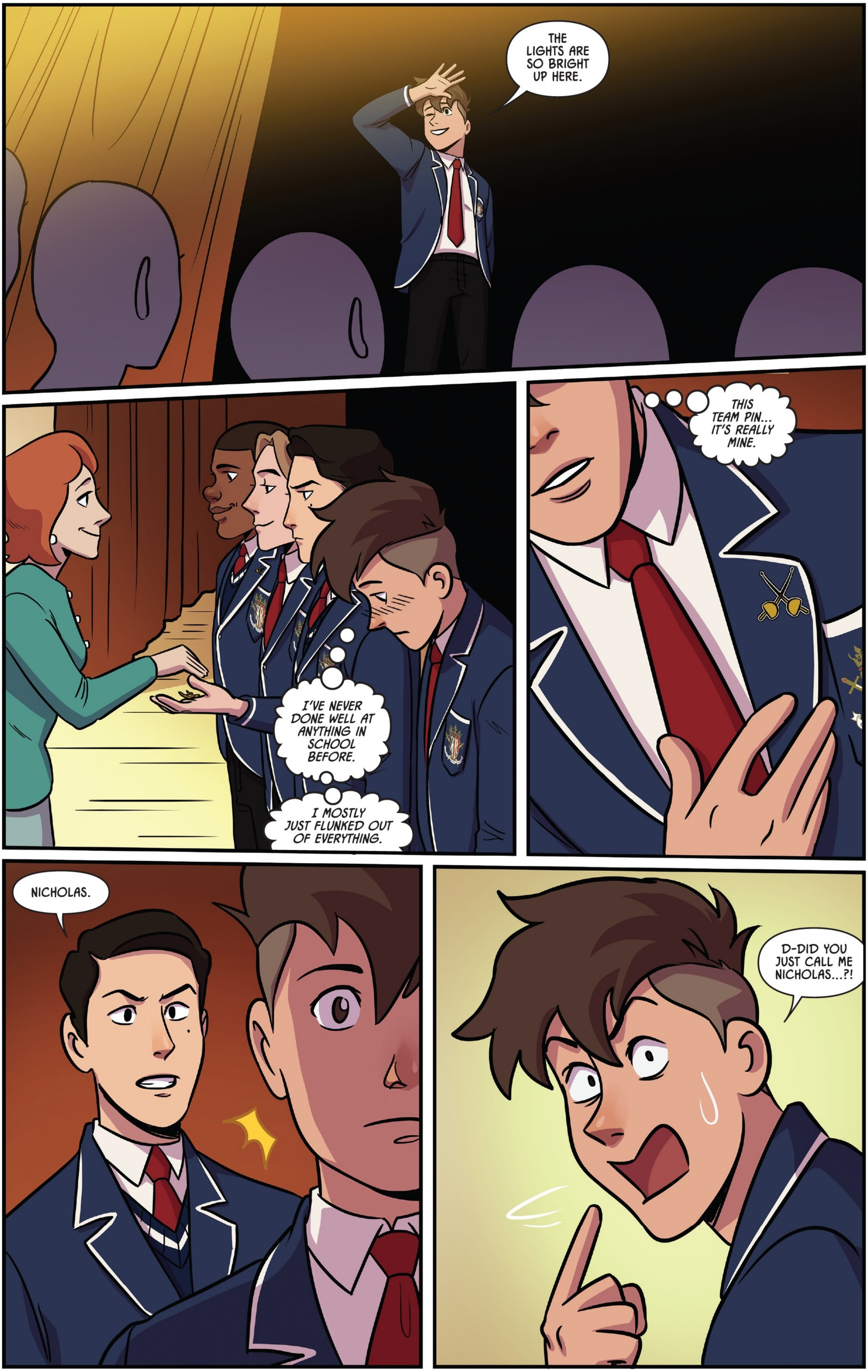

I'M PUTTING MY HEADPHONES ON.
OKAY.

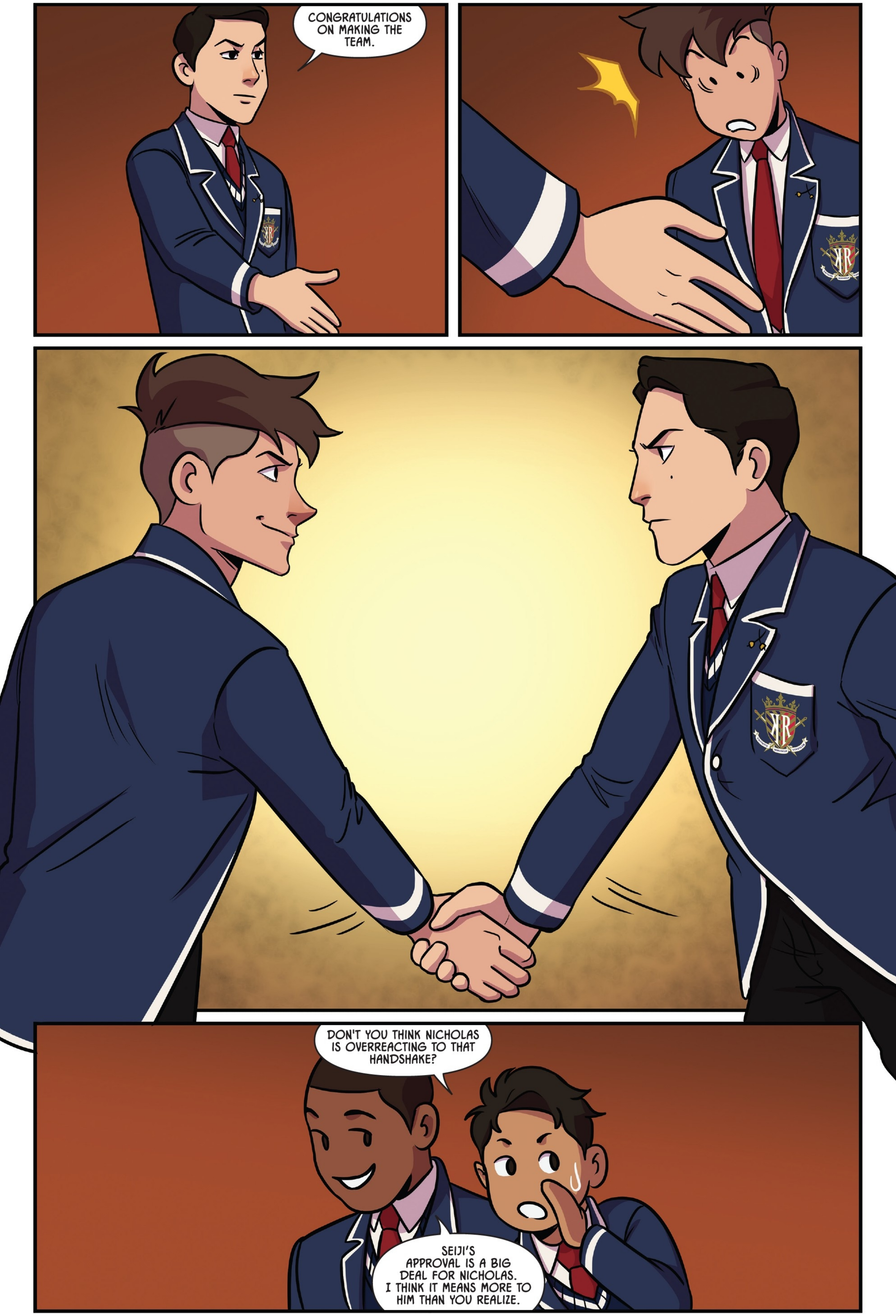


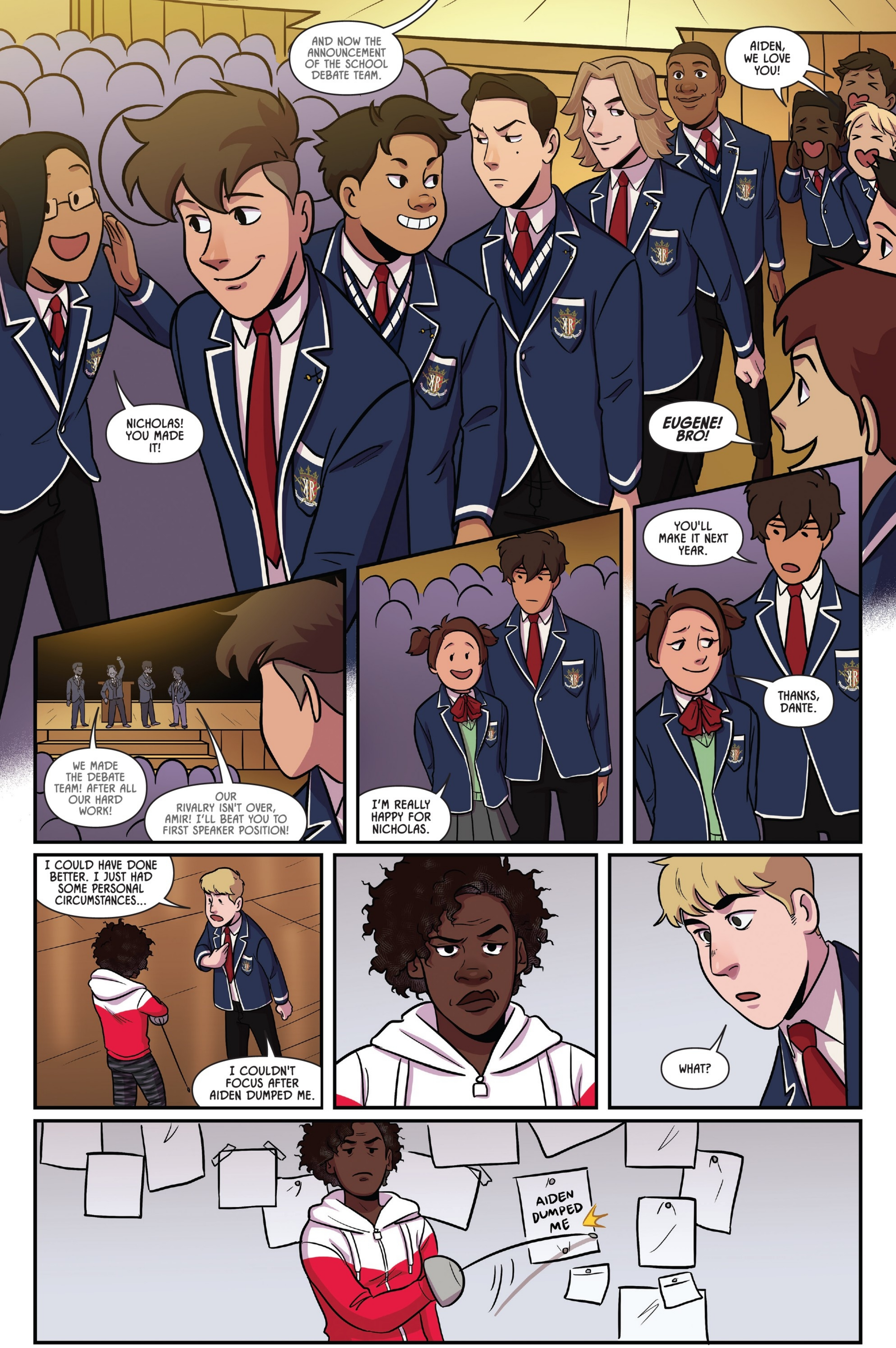

THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT... PART OF ME DOESN'T WANT TO GO IN...
HEY, NICHOLAS! YOU BETTER WATCH OUT! COACH IS TOTALLY GOING TO PICK ME FOR RESERVE!
HE'S BOASTING, BUT I KNOW HE SENT THAT LETTER...
UNDERNEATH IT ALL, EUGENE IS A GOOD GUY.
NO WAY, IT'S ME ALL THE WAY!
YOU'RE WRONG, ROOKIE!


ALL STAND FOR THE SCHOOL SONG.
KINGS ROW! FROM TOWERS UP ON HIGH WE FLY THE RED AND BLUE...
...OUR BONDS ARE STRONG, OUR COURAGE TRUE TOGETHER IN THE QUAD, THE HALL WE STAND TOGETHER ONE AND ALL...
...UNITATIS MIRABILE VINCULUM--
THANK YOU, PRINCIPAL EISLER. I'LL NOW ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION FOR THE KINGS ROW FENCING TEAM.
good luck!
SEIJI KATAYAMA, AIDEN KANE AND HARVARD LEE, PLEASE COME UP ON STAGE AND RECEIVE YOUR PINS.
AND NOW FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESERVE FENCER...
AFTER SOME EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DELIBERATIONS WITH PRINCIPAL EISLER, WE HAVE DECIDED--


--THAT THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE *TWO* RESERVES.
TWO--?!
EUGENE LABAO AND NICHOLAS COX, WOULD YOU BOTH COME UP ON STAGE TO RECEIVE YOUR SCHOOL PINS.
YOU MADE IT!
BRO! YOU MADE IT, TOO!


THE LIGHTS ARE SO BRIGHT UP HERE.
I'VE NEVER DONE WELL AT ANYTHING IN SCHOOL BEFORE.
I MOSTLY JUST FLUNKED OUT OF EVERYTHING.
THIS TEAM PIN... IT'S REALLY MINE.
NICHOLAS.
D-DID YOU JUST CALL ME NICHOLAS...?!


CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING THE TEAM.
DON'T YOU THINK NICHOLAS IS OVERREACTING TO THAT HANDSHAKE?
SEIJI'S APPROVAL IS A BIG DEAL FOR NICHOLAS. I THINK IT MEANS MORE TO HIM THAN YOU REALIZE.


AND NOW THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM.
AIDEN, WE LOVE YOU!
NICHOLAS! YOU MADE IT!
EUGENE! BRO!
WE MADE THE DEBATE TEAM! AFTER ALL OUR HARD WORK!
OUR RIVALRY ISN'T OVER, AMIR! I'LL BEAT YOU TO FIRST SPEAKER POSITION!
I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR NICHOLAS.
YOU'LL MAKE IT NEXT YEAR.
THANKS, DANTE.
I COULD HAVE DONE BETTER. I JUST HAD SOME PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES...
I COULDN'T FOCUS AFTER AIDEN DUMPED ME.
WHAT?
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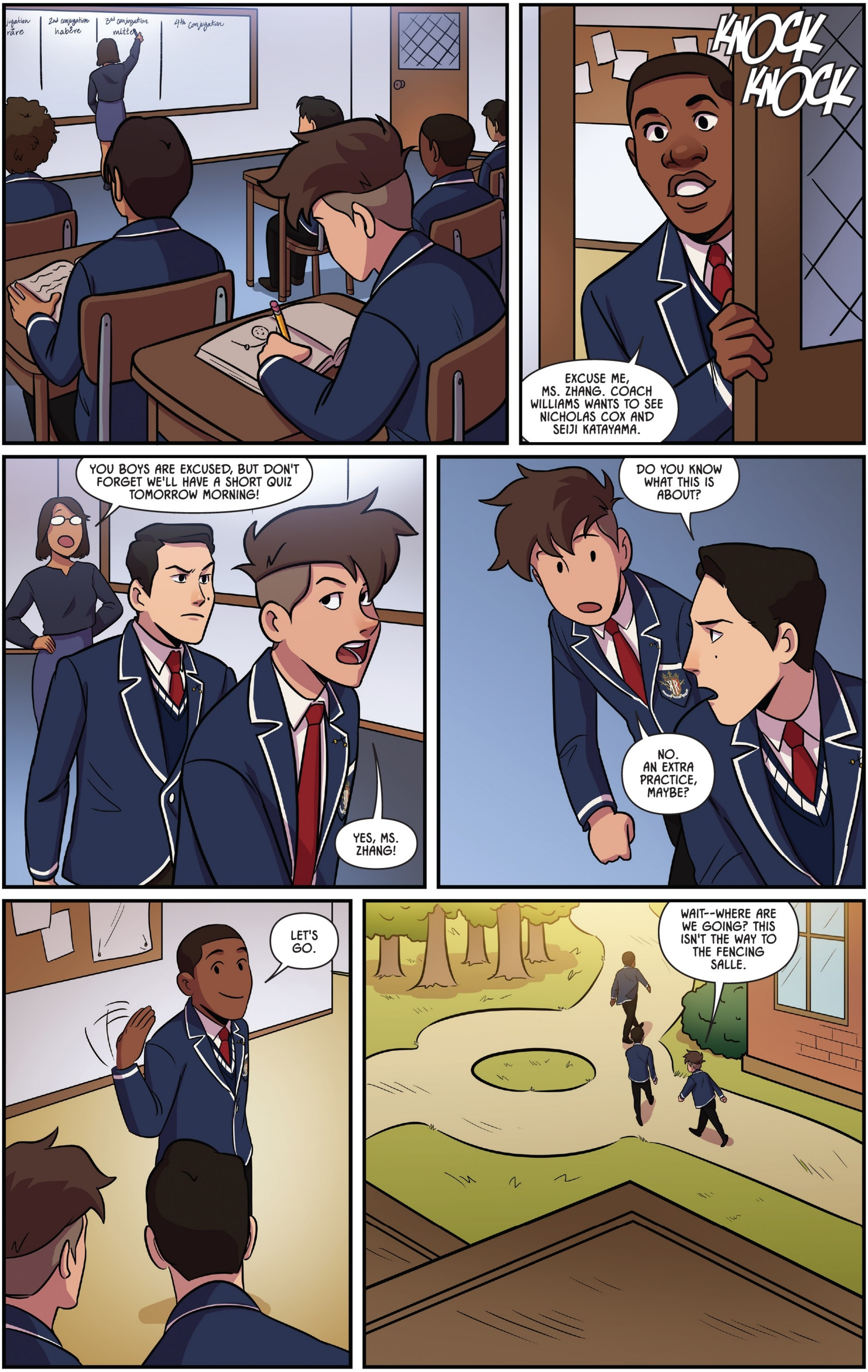
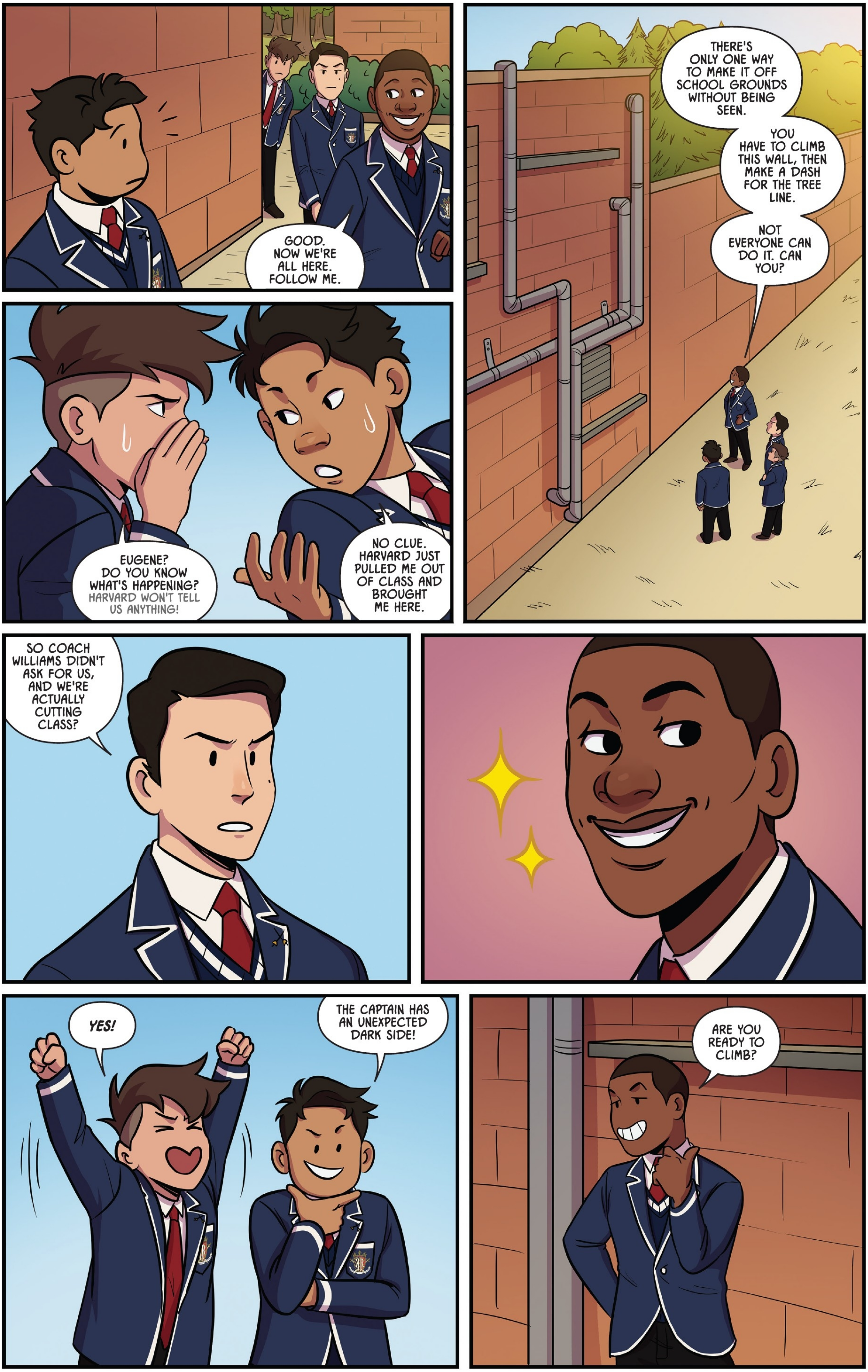
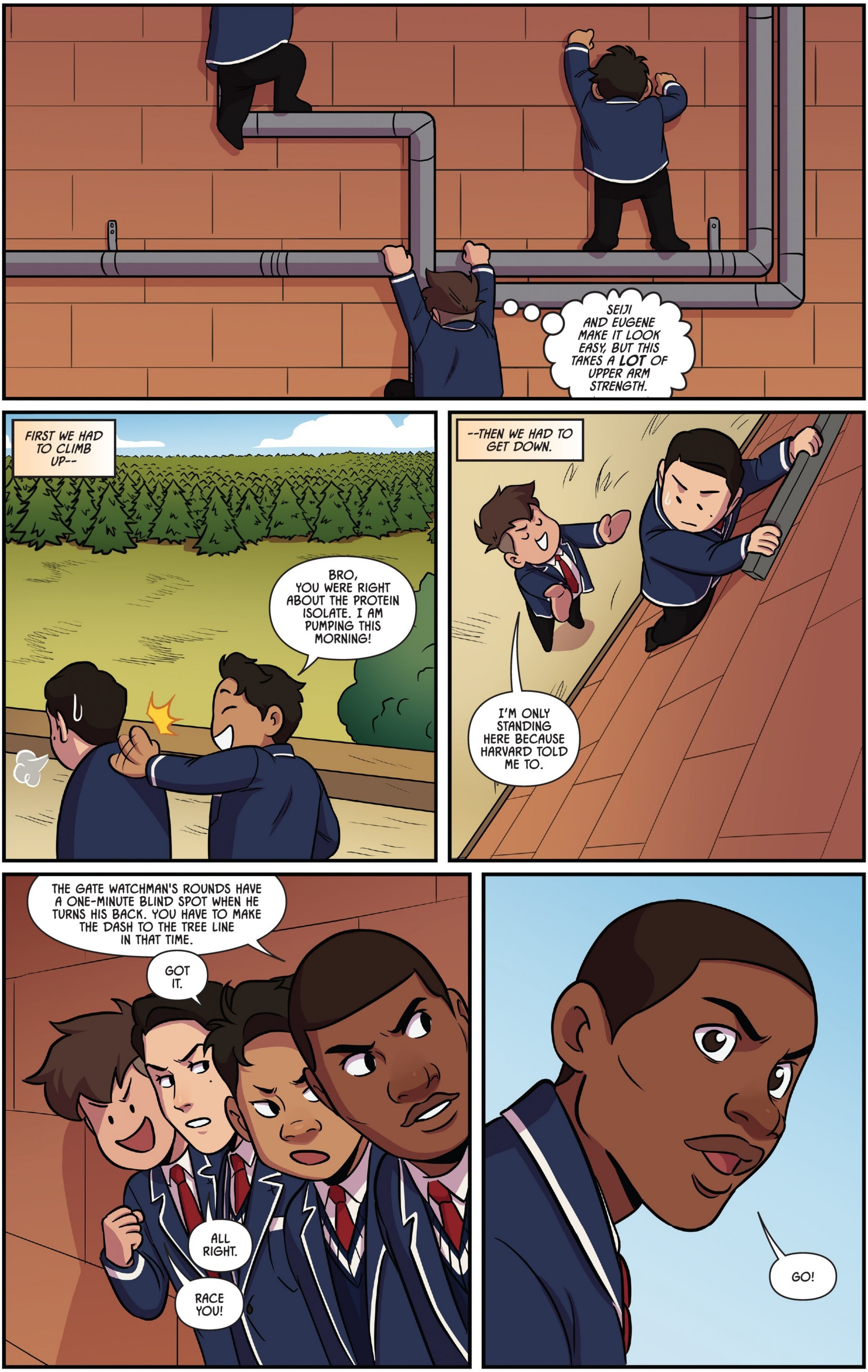
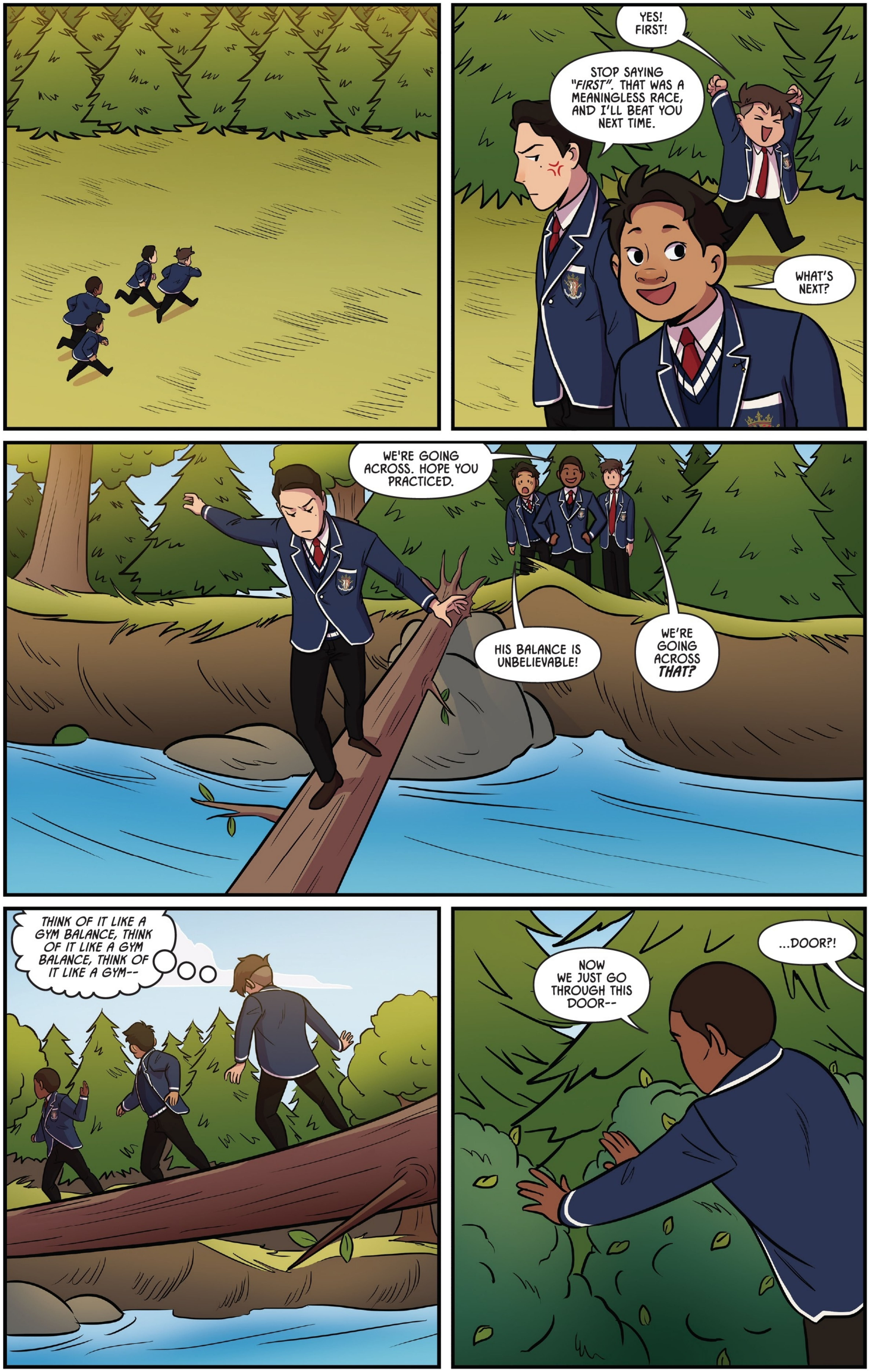
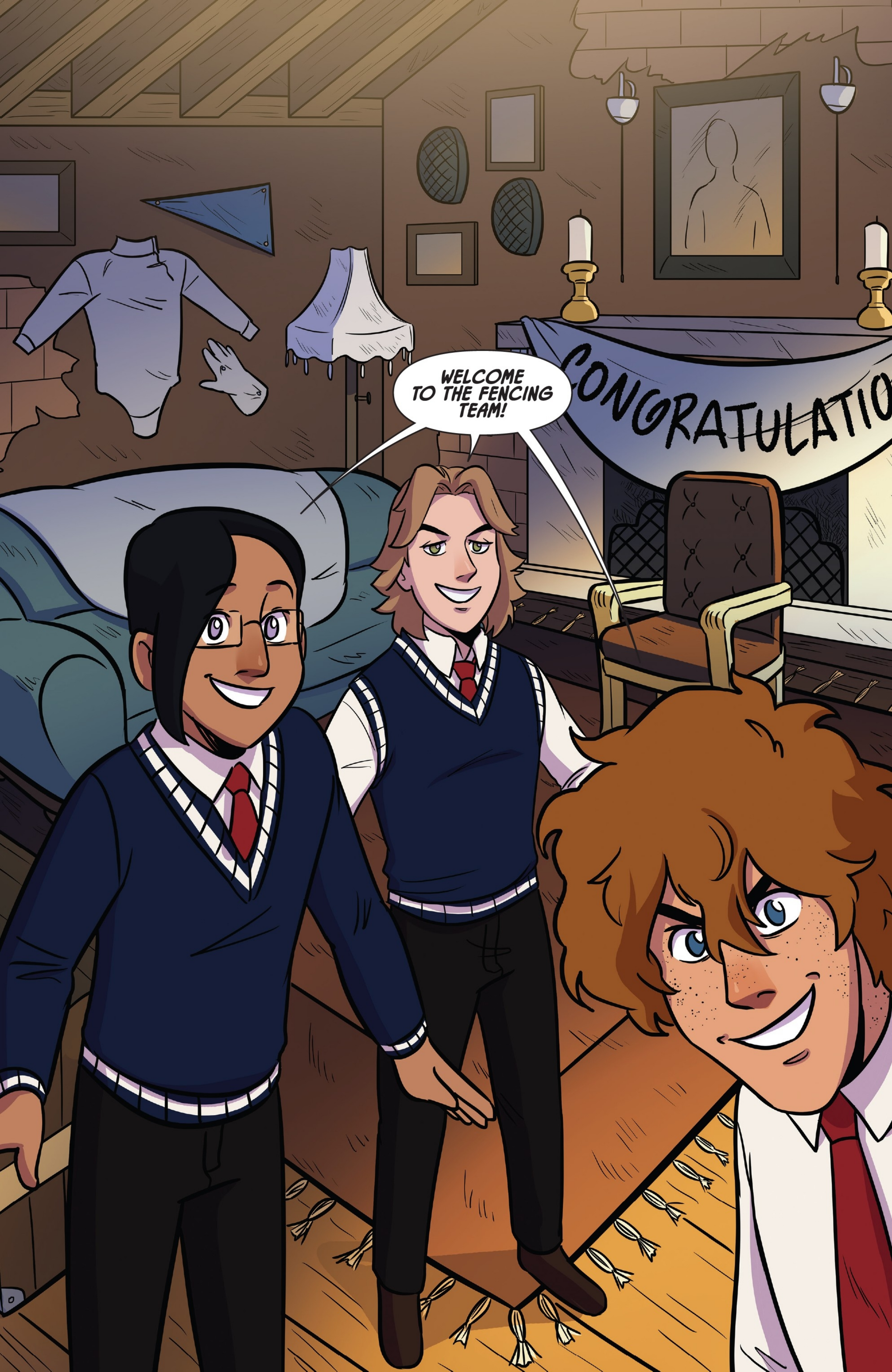
AIDEN DUMPED ME


jugation
rāre
2nd conjugation
habēre
3rd conjugation
mitte
4th conjugation
KNOCK KNOCK
EXCUSE ME, MS. ZHANG. COACH WILLIAMS WANTS TO SEE NICHOLAS COX AND SEIJI KATAYAMA.
YOU BOYS ARE EXCUSED, BUT DON'T FORGET WE'LL HAVE A SHORT QUIZ TOMORROW MORNING!
YES, MS. ZHANG!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?
NO. AN EXTRA PRACTICE, MAYBE?
LET'S GO.
WAIT--WHERE ARE WE GOING? THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO THE FENCING SALLE.


GOOD. NOW WE'RE ALL HERE. FOLLOW ME.
EUGENE? DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING? HARVARD WON'T TELL US ANYTHING!
NO CLUE. HARVARD JUST PULLED ME OUT OF CLASS AND BROUGHT ME HERE.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE IT OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT BEING SEEN.
YOU HAVE TO CLIMB THIS WALL, THEN MAKE A DASH FOR THE TREE LINE.
NOT EVERYONE CAN DO IT. CAN YOU?
SO COACH WILLIAMS DIDN'T ASK FOR US, AND WE'RE ACTUALLY CUTTING CLASS?
YES!
THE CAPTAIN HAS AN UNEXPECTED DARK SIDE!
ARE YOU READY TO CLIMB?


SEIJI AND EUGENE MAKE IT LOOK EASY, BUT THIS TAKES A **LOT** OF UPPER ARM STRENGTH.
FIRST WE HAD TO CLIMB UP--
BRO, YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE PROTEIN ISOLATE. I AM PUMPING THIS MORNING!
--THEN WE HAD TO GET DOWN.
I'M ONLY STANDING HERE BECAUSE HARVARD TOLD ME TO.
THE GATE WATCHMAN'S ROUNDS HAVE A ONE-MINUTE BLIND SPOT WHEN HE TURNS HIS BACK. YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE DASH TO THE TREE LINE IN THAT TIME.
GOT IT.
ALL RIGHT.
RACE YOU!
GO!


YES! FIRST!
STOP SAYING "*FIRST*". THAT WAS A MEANINGLESS RACE, AND I'LL BEAT YOU NEXT TIME.
WHAT'S NEXT?
WE'RE GOING ACROSS. HOPE YOU PRACTICED.
HIS BALANCE IS UNBELIEVABLE!
WE'RE GOING ACROSS ***THAT?***
THINK OF IT LIKE A GYM BALANCE, THINK OF IT LIKE A GYM BALANCE, THINK OF IT LIKE A GYM--
NOW WE JUST GO THROUGH THIS DOOR--
...DOOR?!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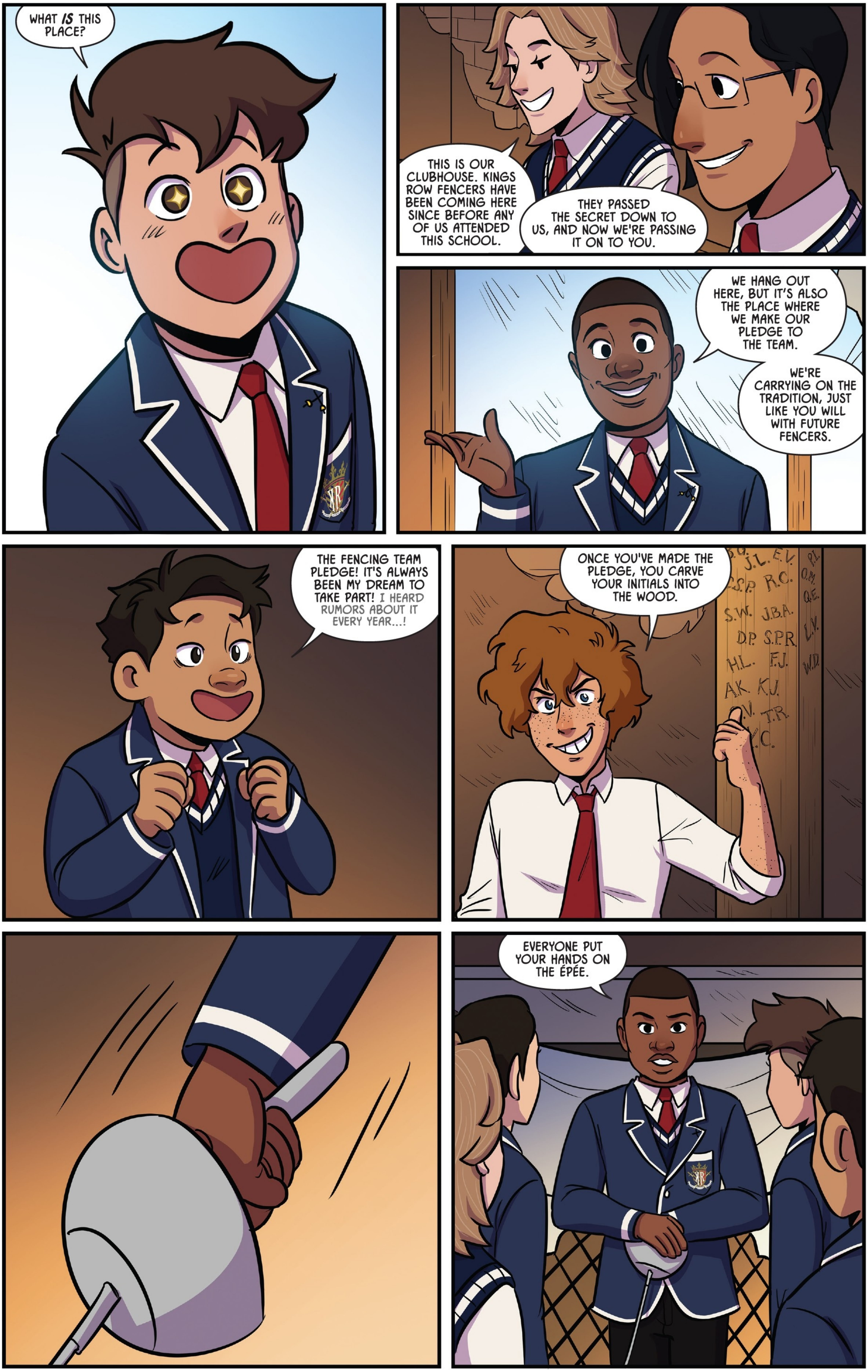
WELCOME TO THE FENCING TEAM!


WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?
THIS IS OUR CLUBHOUSE. KINGS ROW FENCERS HAVE BEEN COMING HERE SINCE BEFORE ANY OF US ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL.
THEY PASSED THE SECRET DOWN TO US, AND NOW WE'RE PASSING IT ON TO YOU.
WE HANG OUT HERE, BUT IT'S ALSO THE PLACE WHERE WE MAKE OUR PLEDGE TO THE TEAM.
WE'RE CARRYING ON THE TRADITION, JUST LIKE YOU WILL WITH FUTURE FENCERS.
THE FENCING TEAM PLEDGE! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM TO TAKE PART! I HEARD RUMORS ABOUT IT EVERY YEAR...!
ONCE YOU'VE MADE THE PLEDGE, YOU CARVE YOUR INITIALS INTO THE WOOD.
J.L. E.V.
C.S.P. R.C.
S.W. J.B.A.
D.P. S.P.R.
H.L. F.J.
A.K. K.J.
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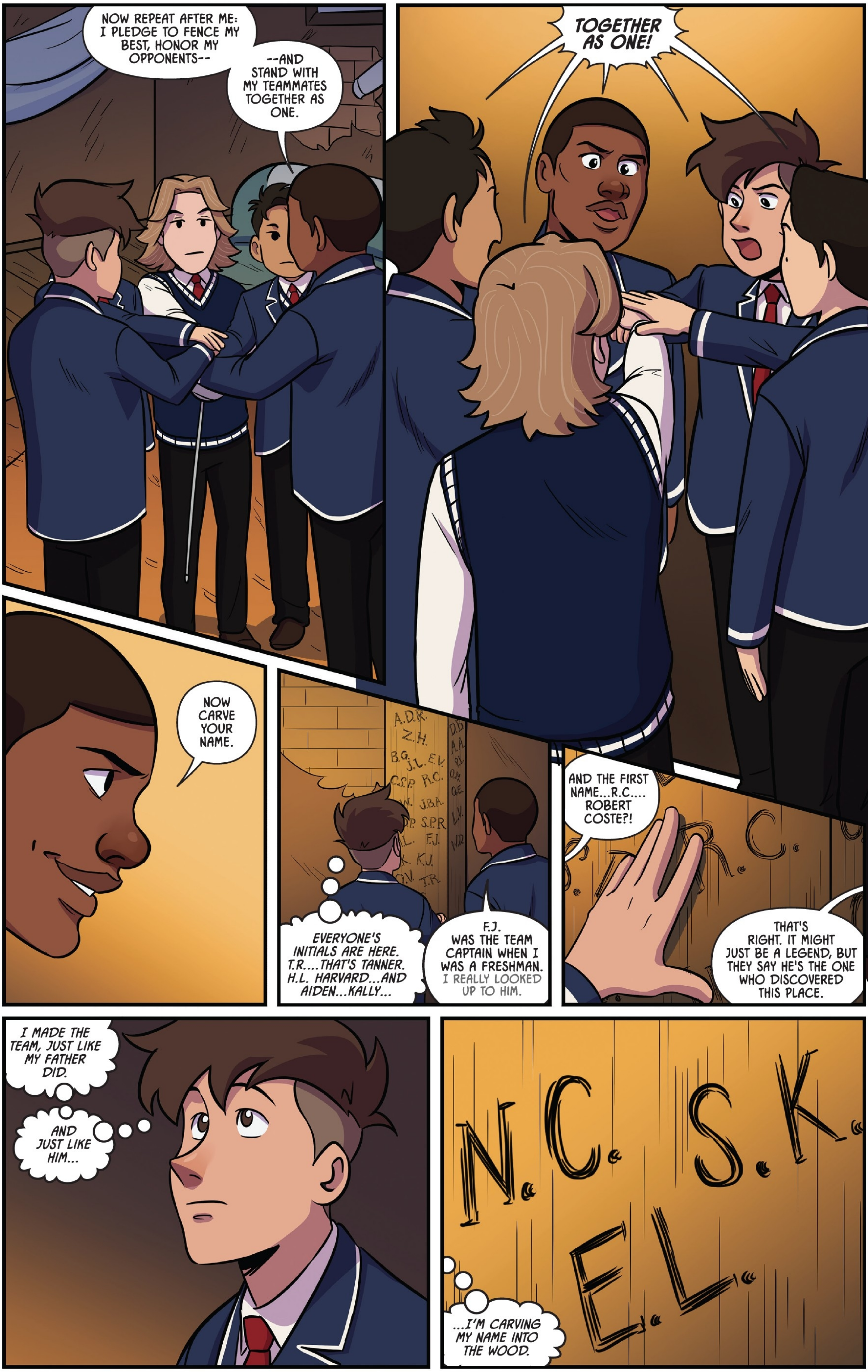
W.D.
EVERYONE PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE ÉPÉE.


NOW REPEAT AFTER ME: I PLEDGE TO FENCE MY BEST, HONOR MY OPPONENTS--
--AND STAND WITH MY TEAMMATES TOGETHER AS ONE.
TOGETHER AS ONE!
NOW CARVE YOUR NAME.
A.D.R.
Z.H.
B.G.
J.L.
E.V.
C.S.P.
R.C.
J.B.A.
S.P.R.
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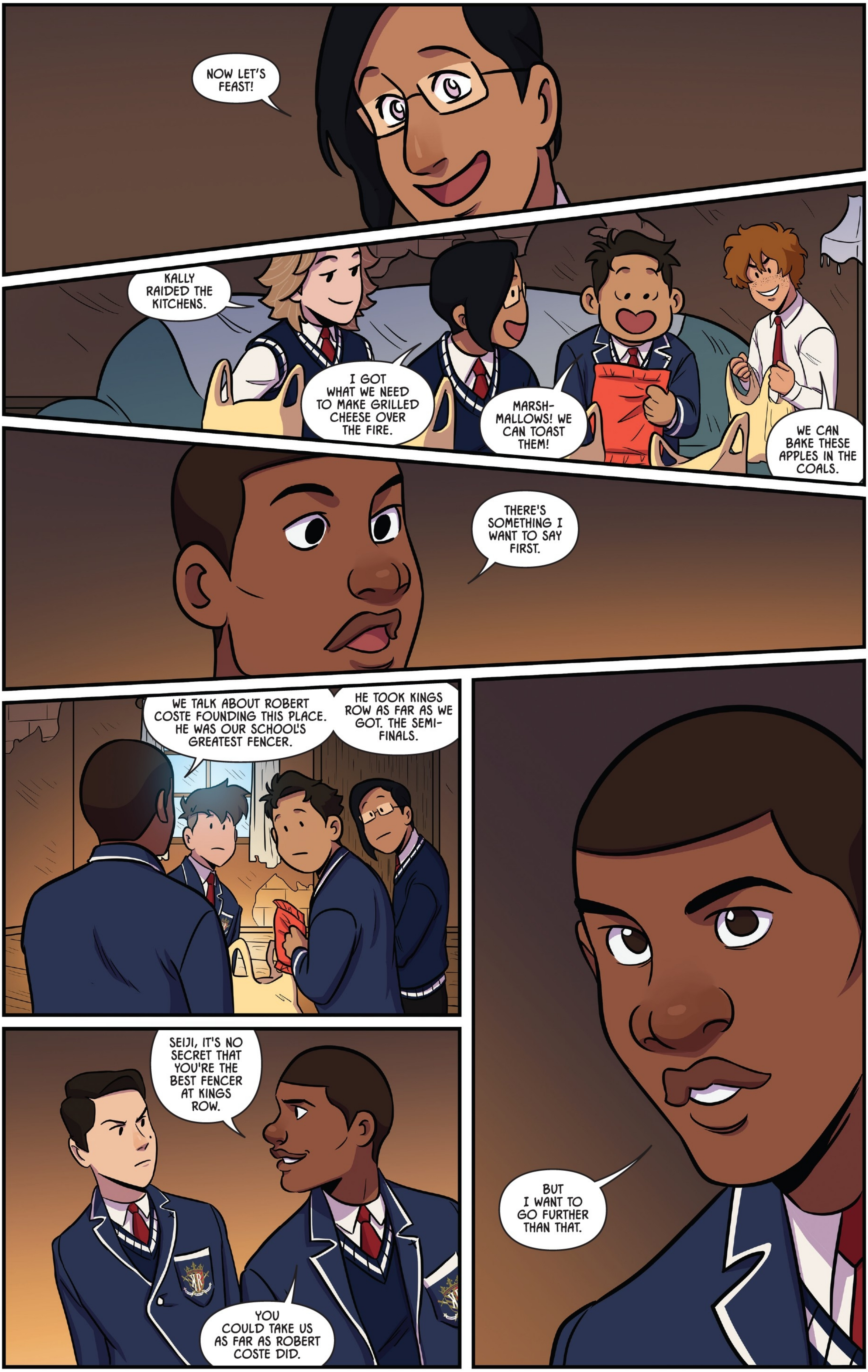
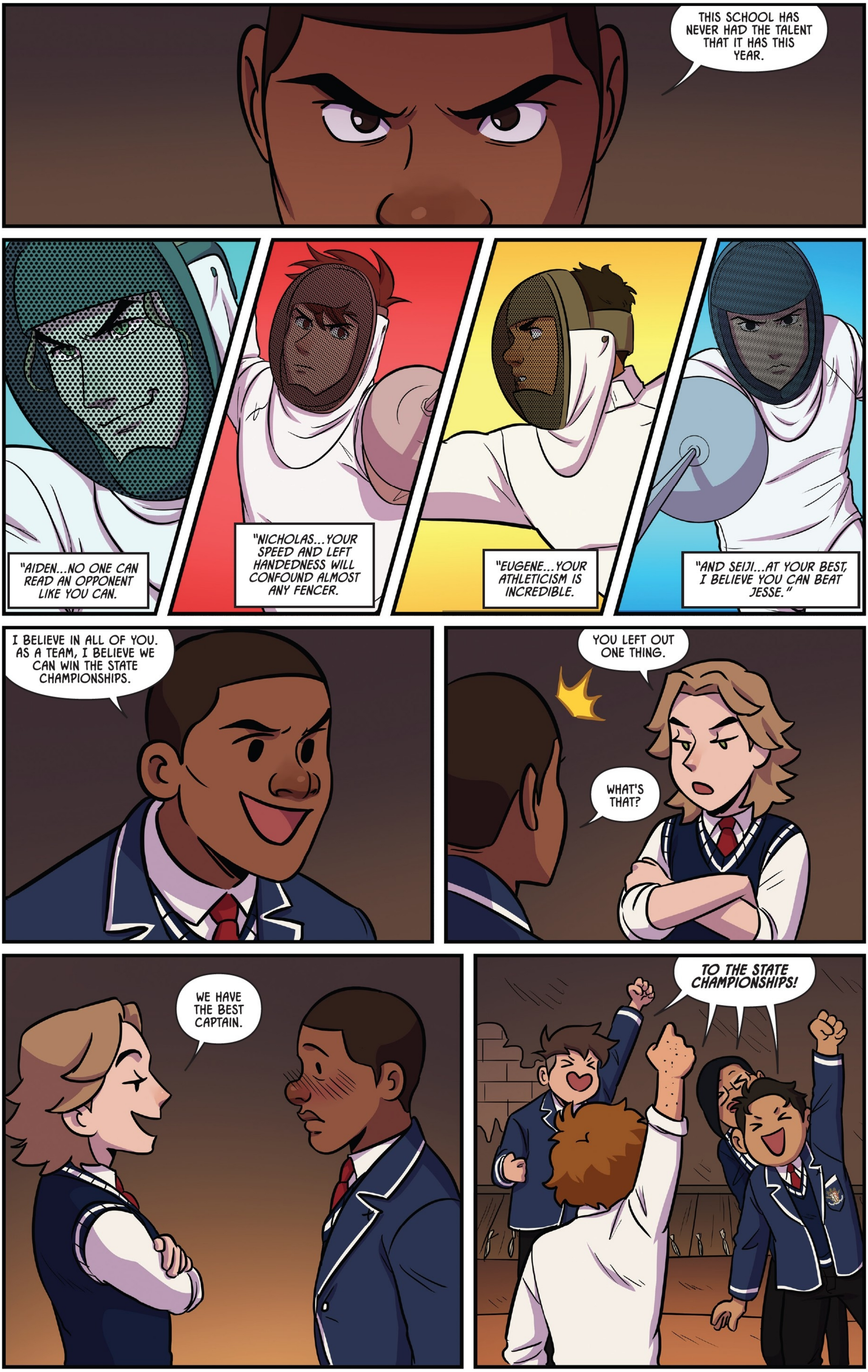
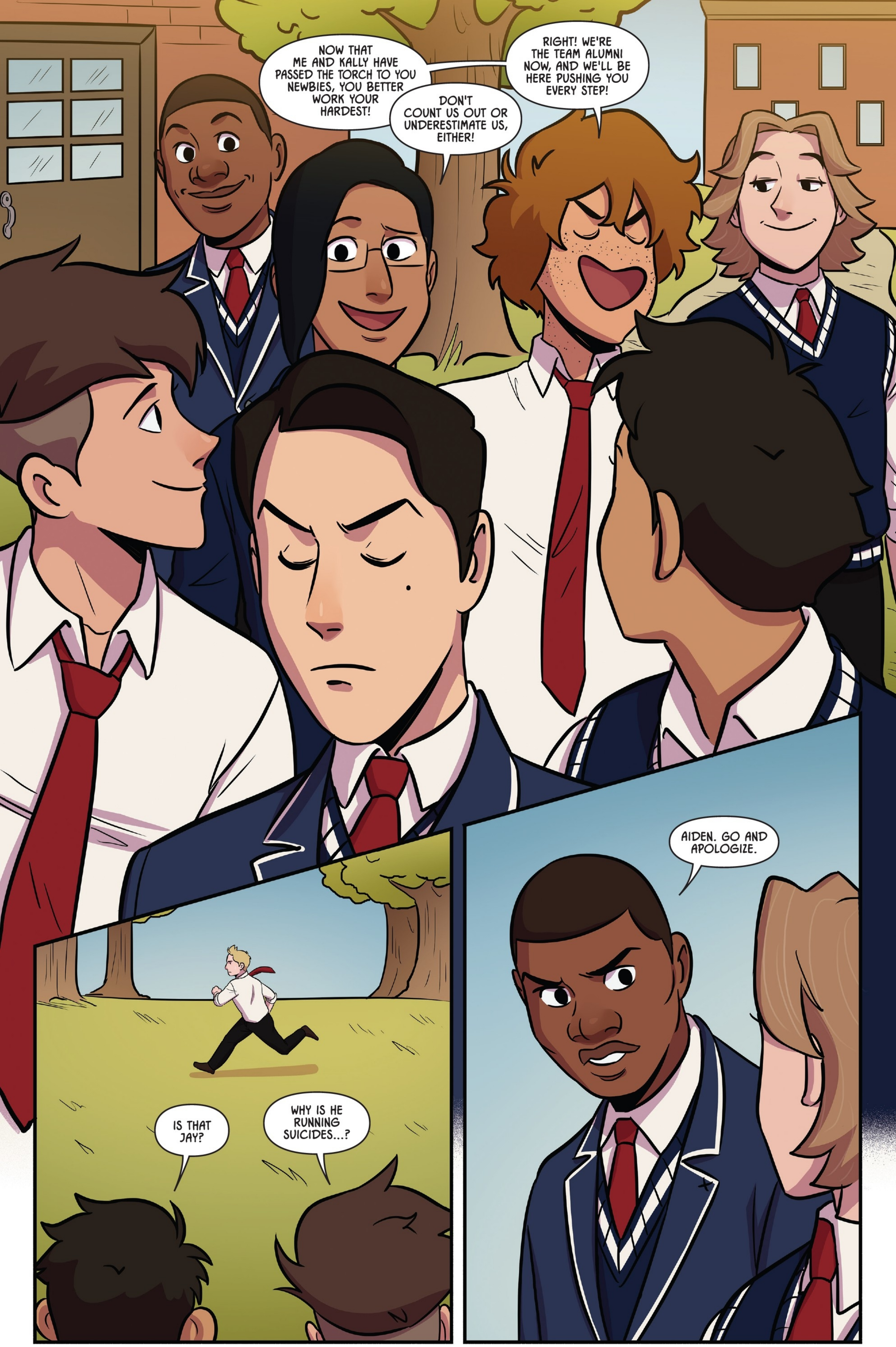
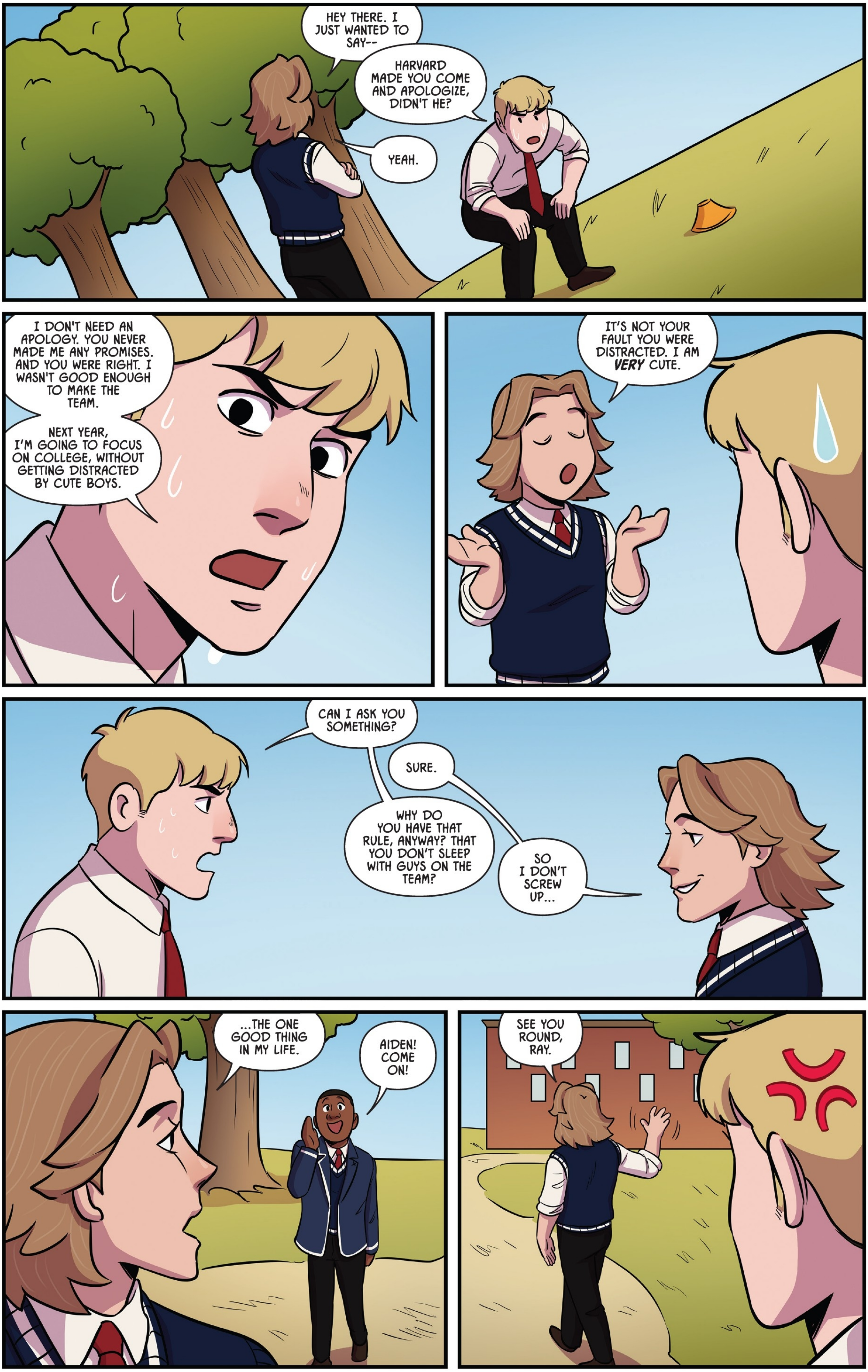
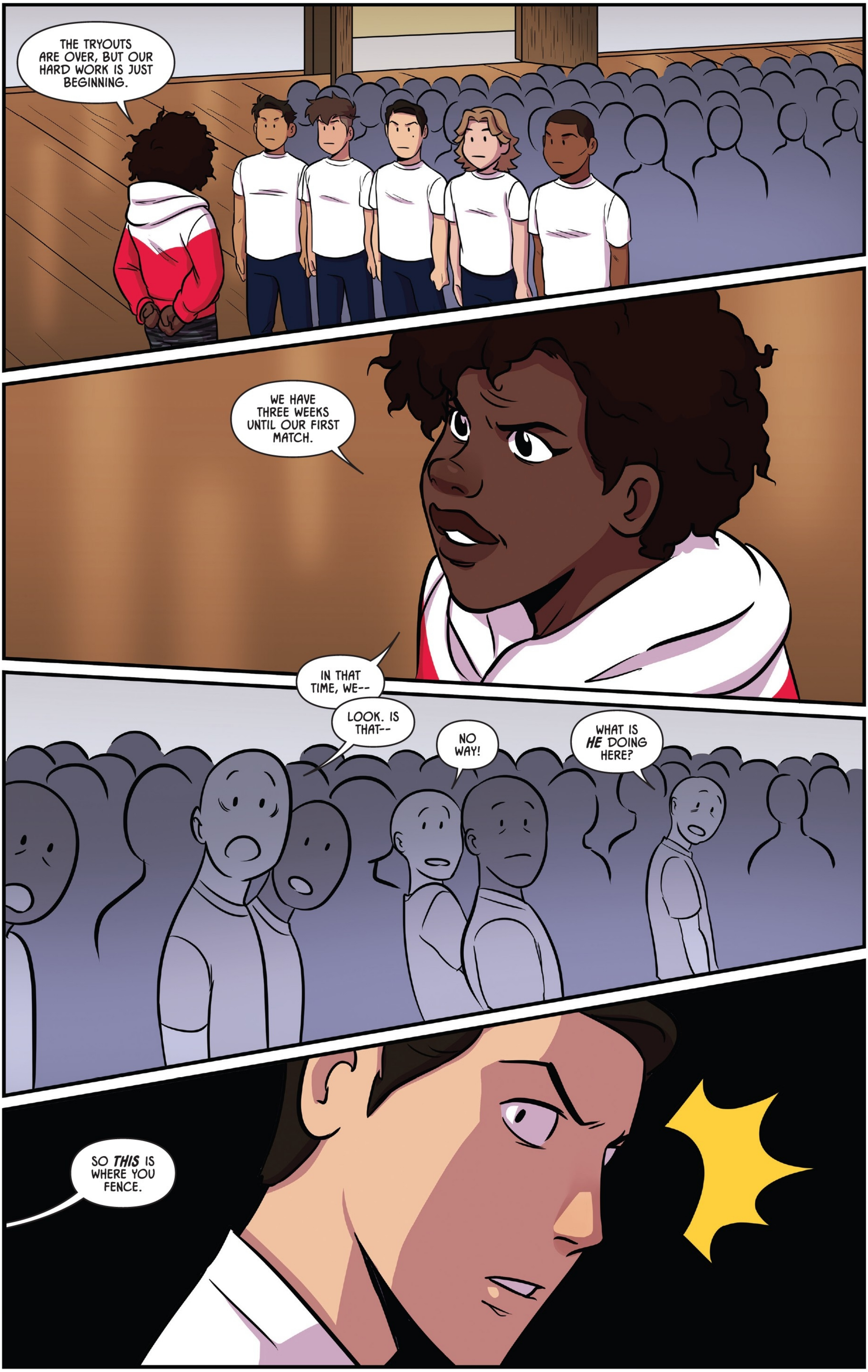
W.D.
EVERYONE'S INITIALS ARE HERE. T.R.... THAT'S TANNER. H.L. HARVARD...AND AIDEN...KALLY...
F.J. WAS THE TEAM CAPTAIN WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN. I REALLY LOOKED UP TO HIM.
AND THE FIRST NAME...R.C.... ROBERT COSTE?!
R.C.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT MIGHT JUST BE A LEGEND, BUT THEY SAY HE'S THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THIS PLACE.
I MADE THE TEAM, JUST LIKE MY FATHER DID.
AND JUST LIKE HIM...
N.C. S.K.
E.L.
...I'M CARVING MY NAME INTO THE WOOD.

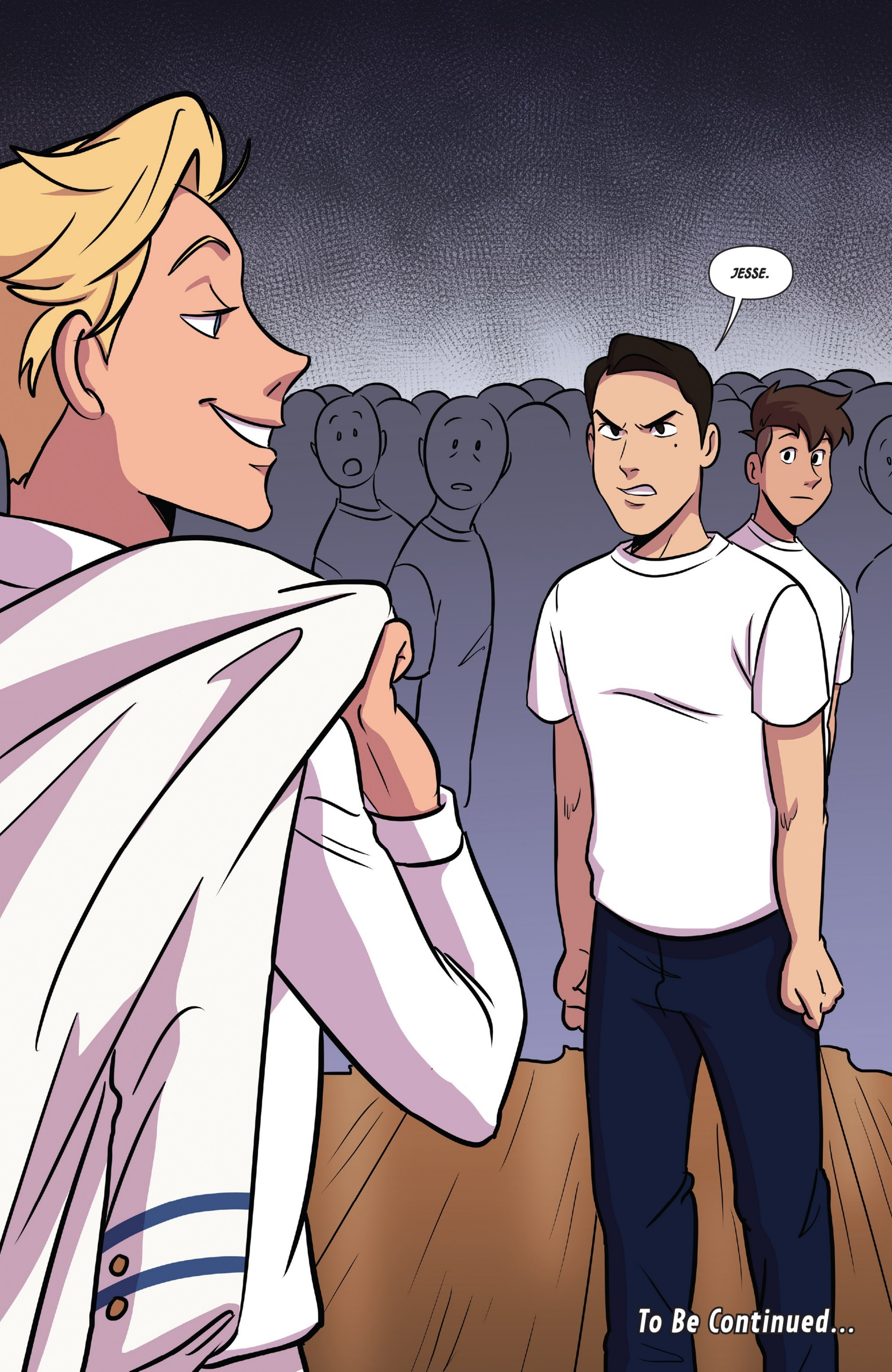

NOW LET'S FEAST!
KALLY RAIDED THE KITCHENS.
I GOT WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE GRILLED CHEESE OVER THE FIRE.
MARSHMALLOWS! WE CAN TOAST THEM!
WE CAN BAKE THESE APPLES IN THE COALS.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY FIRST.
WE TALK ABOUT ROBERT COSTE FOUNDING THIS PLACE. HE WAS OUR SCHOOL'S GREATEST FENCER.
HE TOOK KINGS ROW AS FAR AS WE GOT. THE SEMI-FINALS.
SEIJI, IT'S NO SECRET THAT YOU'RE THE BEST FENCER AT KINGS ROW.
YOU COULD TAKE US AS FAR AS ROBERT COSTE DID.
BUT I WANT TO GO FURTHER THAN THAT.


THIS SCHOOL HAS NEVER HAD THE TALENT THAT IT HAS THIS YEAR.
"AIDEN...NO ONE CAN READ AN OPPONENT LIKE YOU CAN.
"NICHOLAS...YOUR SPEED AND LEFT HANDEDNESS WILL CONFOUND ALMOST ANY FENCER.
"EUGENE...YOUR ATHLETICISM IS INCREDIBLE.
"AND SEIJI...AT YOUR BEST, I BELIEVE YOU CAN BEAT JESSE."
I BELIEVE IN ALL OF YOU. AS A TEAM, I BELIEVE WE CAN WIN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.
YOU LEFT OUT ONE THING.
WHAT'S THAT?
WE HAVE THE BEST CAPTAIN.
TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!


NOW THAT ME AND KALLY HAVE PASSED THE TORCH TO YOU NEWBIES, YOU BETTER WORK YOUR HARDEST!
RIGHT! WE'RE THE TEAM ALUMNI NOW, AND WE'LL BE HERE PUSHING YOU EVERY STEP!
DON'T COUNT US OUT OR UNDERESTIMATE US, EITHER!
IS THAT JAY?
WHY IS HE RUNNING SUICIDES...?
AIDEN. GO AND APOLOGIZE.


HEY THERE. I JUST WANTED TO SAY--
HARVARD MADE YOU COME AND APOLOGIZE, DIDN'T HE?
YEAH.
I DON'T NEED AN APOLOGY. YOU NEVER MADE ME ANY PROMISES. AND YOU WERE RIGHT. I WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TEAM.
NEXT YEAR, I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON COLLEGE, WITHOUT GETTING DISTRACTED BY CUTE BOYS.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT YOU WERE DISTRACTED. I AM ***VERY*** CUTE.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SURE.
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT RULE, ANYWAY? THAT YOU DON'T SLEEP WITH GUYS ON THE TEAM?
SO I DON'T SCREW UP...
...THE ONE GOOD THING IN MY LIFE.
AIDEN! COME ON!
SEE YOU ROUND, RAY.


THE TRYOUTS ARE OVER, BUT OUR HARD WORK IS JUST BEGINNING.
WE HAVE THREE WEEKS UNTIL OUR FIRST MATCH.
IN THAT TIME, WE--
LOOK. IS THAT--
NO WAY!
WHAT IS *HE* DOING HERE?
SO *THIS* IS WHERE YOU FENCE.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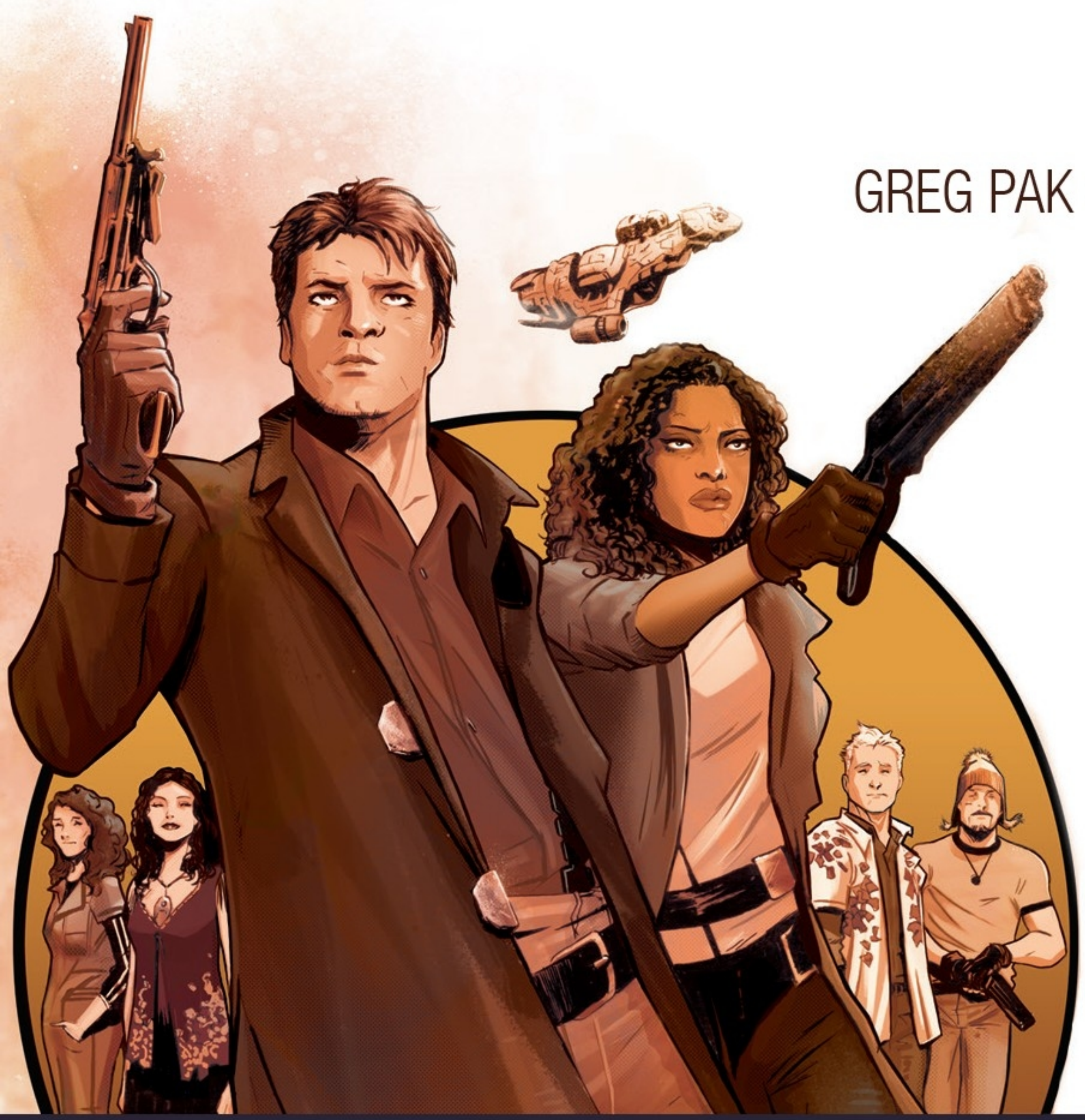

YOU CAN'T TAKE THE SKY FROM ME

FIREFLY #1

GREG PAK • DAN MCDAID • MARCELO COSTA • JIM CAMPBELL

Writer Greg Pak (*Mech Cadet Yu, Totally Awesome Hulk*) and artist Dan McDaid (*Judge Dredd: Mega City Zero*), along with Story Consultant Joss Whedon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Marvel's The Avengers*), take you back to the battleground where it all began as the definitive story of the Unification War is told at last.

Mal thought he could outrun his past, but when a simple job goes wrong, he's forced to confront it in the form of the Unificators, mercenaries deputized to hunt down war criminals. . . and they've got Mal and Zoe at the top of their list!

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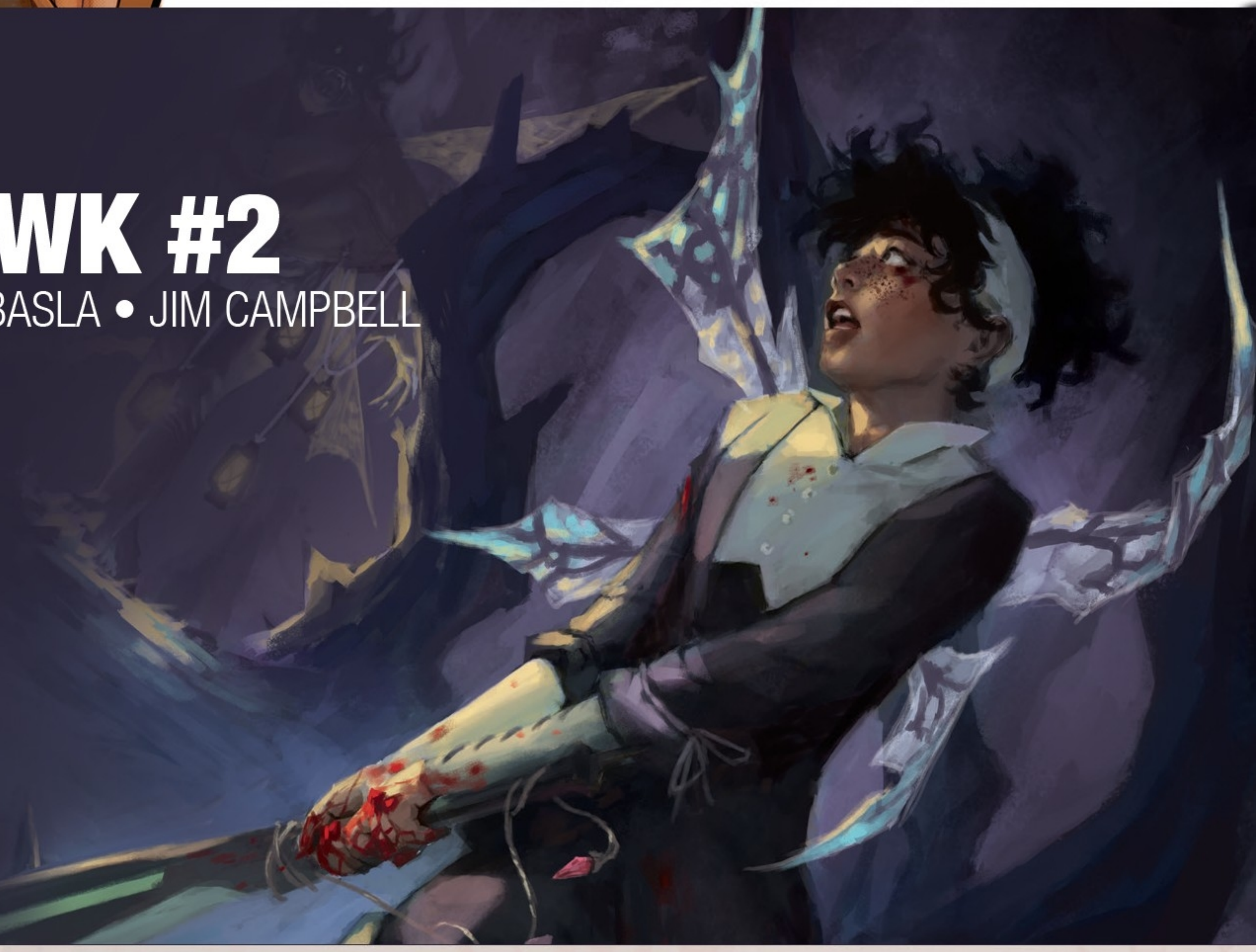

Trapped in the beautiful, deadly world of Faerie, Art realizes that there is only one way out. To survive, she has to fight. To escape, she has to win.

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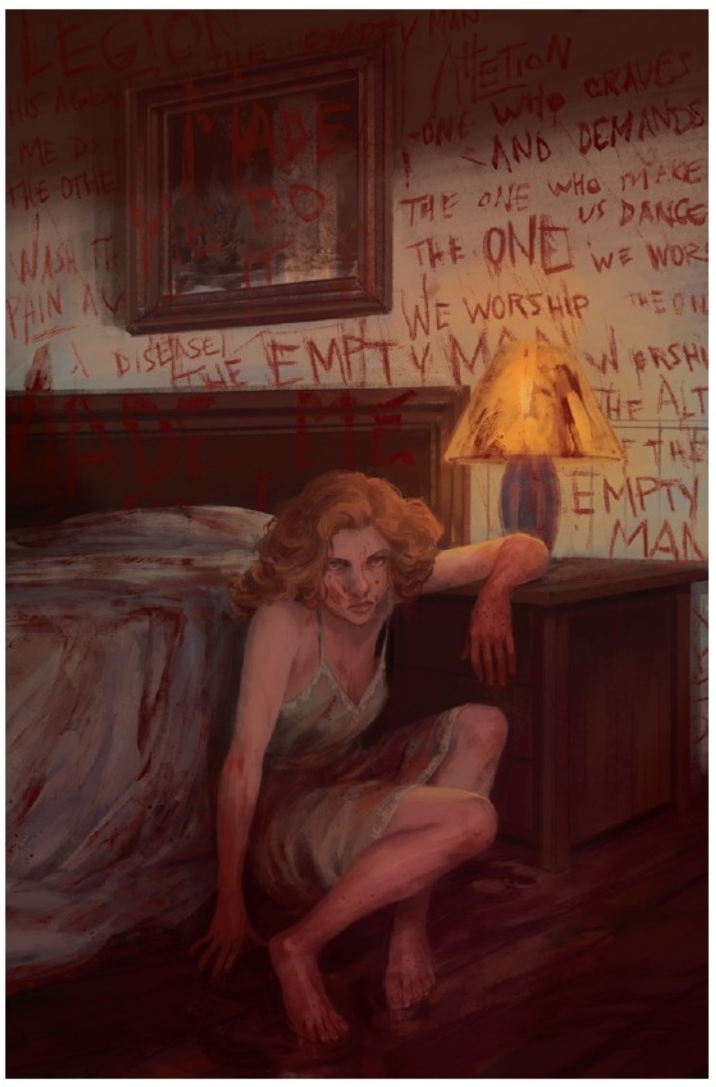
LEGION
THE ONE WHO CRAVES AND DEMANDS
THE ONE WHO MAKE US DANCE
WE WORSHIP
THE EMPTY MAN

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THE EMPTY MAN MADE ME DO IT

CULLEN BUNN • JESÚS HERVÁS
NIKO GUARDIA • ED DUKESHIRE

The nation is in the grip of a terrible pandemic. The so-called Empty Man disease causes insanity and violence, and government quarantines are mandatory.

One of the afflicted is Melissa Kerry, and the next step should be to quarantine her, but those who enter quarantine are never seen again. Melissa's family won't let that happen. All they have to do is care for her, keep her worsening condition a secret—and they'll do anything, trust anyone, to keep her safe.

THE EMPTY MAN #1
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FELONIES AND FRIENDSHIP

SMOOTH CRIMINALS #1

KURT LUSTGARTEN & KIRSTEN "KIWI" SMITH • LEISHA RIDDEL
BRITTANY PEER • ED DUKESHIRE

There are certain things Brenda expects to find while hacking: money, secrets, occasional pictures of cats. She is NOT expecting to find a cryogenically frozen master thief from the 60s.

Mia is everything Brenda is not—cool, confident...and utterly unprepared for the digital age. Despite their differences, the two will need to team up to find out what happened to Mia—and how to pull off the heist of the century.

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PANDORA'S LEGACY

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SUMMER VACATION GETS MYTHICAL

PANDORA'S LEGACY

KARA LEOPARD • KELLY & NICHOLE MATTHEWS • MIKE FIORENTINO

What starts out as a typical family vacation quickly erupts into supernatural mystery and peril when three siblings accidentally break an old, mystical jar hidden deep in the woods, revealing they are descendants of Pandora and their family has been tasked for generations with protecting the very jar they just broke…

As magical monsters pour out of the fractured relic and run amok, Charlie, Janet, and Trevor must find a way to capture all of the creatures before it's too late!

PANDORA'S LEGACY
ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL
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HOME SWEET HOME?

OVER THE GARDEN WALL: DISTILLATORIA

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When Wirt and Greg make it back home from The Unknown, they are shocked to see that Beatrice is still with them, trapped away from her home. Now, they must work to get back to the place they just left, and keep anyone from realizing that Beatrice is not just a normal bird.

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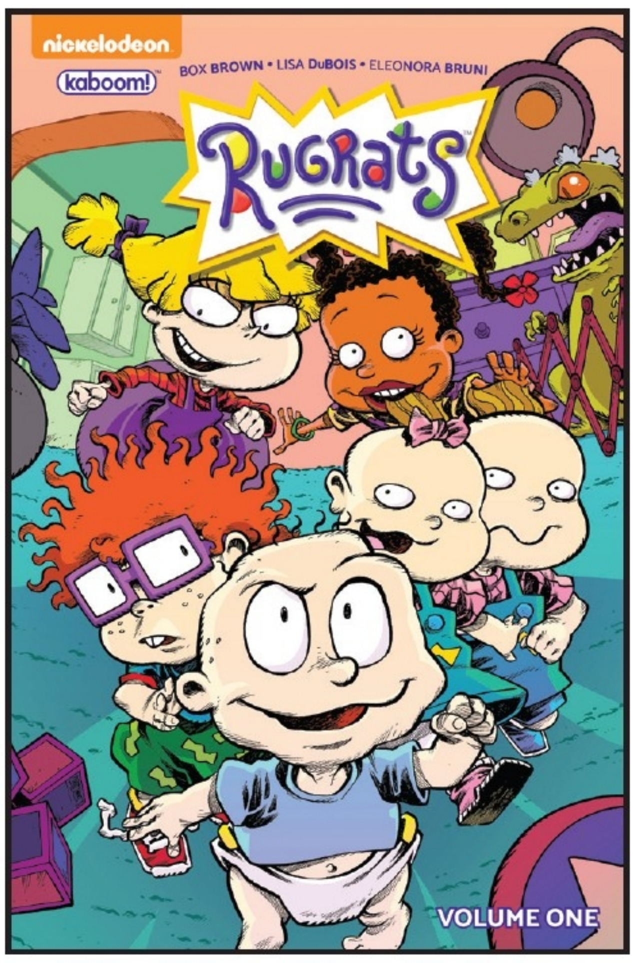
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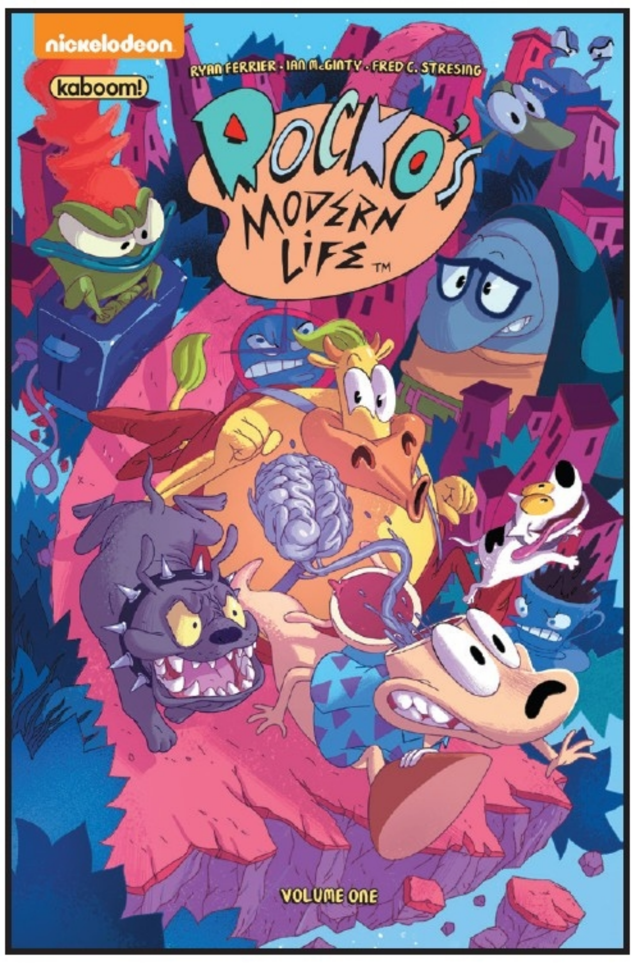
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